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Meanderings of the Superintendent in April



The Superintendent spent the first Sunday in April with the Moweaqua church. This is a splendid field, good meeting house, good parsonage, and 220 members. They have been pastorless since last fall, but are trying to locate a pastor.

A few hours Saturday, the 7th, were spent in the home of Rev. Joseph Harnly of Roseville. They were in the midst of a large union tabernacle meeting, but the results were meagre. Brother Harnly has been the pastor for six years, and leaves May 1st, to accept a call to the Assumption church.

Sunday, April 8th, was given to the Raritan church. This was the first time I ever visited Raritan. It is a beautiful country village about ten miles from a railroad. Rev. Harry Weddington has been pastor there for five years, and the church has greatly developed under his leadership. It is now as strong as both the other churches. They need to remodel and modernize their meeting house to the extent of \$6000 or \$7000, and they are abundantly able to do it.

The semi-annual meeting of the Salem Association was held at Raritan on Monday and Tuesday, April 9th and 10th. It was fairly well attended, not-

withstanding the bad condition of the roads. The meetings were of deep spiritual interest and the topics discussed were of a practical and helpful character.

On April 13th, the semi-annual meeting of the Board and three of the State Convention departments were held at the University Church in Champaign. Mrs. Topping gives a full account in this issue of the reception at night. There were eighteen members of the Board present, nine of them laymen. About three hours were spent in transacting the business of the Convention. It was a helpful and harmonious meeting. The Sunday School Committee of the Department of Church Efficiency requested \$200 to be used in making the Sunday school work of the state more efficient. It was granted. Five missionary pastors were appointed and a contribution made to aid the Slavic Training School for ministers in Chicago. Everybody who was there was delighted with the new building and the work of the University church.

Saturday afternoon and evening was spent with the B. Y. P. U. of the Aurora Association in a rally at the Park Place church in Aurora. It was largely attended and was a splendid

meeting; one of the best young people's meetings I have attended during the year.

Sunday morning of the 15th was given to the Woodlawn Church of Chicago. Dr. M. P. Boynton has been pastor for twenty years. The Sunday school was fine and is now taxing the capacity of the church. They are now planning to build a new addition for Sunday School and social purposes. Dr. Boynton took that field when it was a student supply church in a little wooden building. Now, it has a splendid plant with 1018 members. Brother Boynton's home, with his study, large printing establishment, five automobile stalls, four of which he rents for \$40 per month, is a splendid property, a few blocks from the church.

Sunday night was given to the La-Salle Avenue Church, of which Rev. J. B. Rogers is pastor. A few years ago this was thought to be a downtown field that could not be kept up, but since Pastor Rogers has been there, there has been the largest number of additions of any two years in its history.

The Baptist Swedish Finns, speaking the Swedish language and the Baptist Swedish Finns speaking the Finnish language, use the La Salle avenue meeting house, so that the meeting house is almost constantly used during Sunday afternoon and evening. Mr. Rogers has also established three missions a long way out which are being conducted by ministerial students who belong to the church.

Sunday morning, April 22nd, was spent in Waukegan. Rev. Harold G. High has been pastor there for two years, but will close his work in June and return to the state of New York.

The Sunday school was very good and the choir singing the best I have heard during the year. The church has a membership of 488, and has a fine field. The missionary offerings have greatly improved, but the general attendance of the church was not large. They have a fine property in both meeting-house and parsonage.

Sunday night I gave to the Calvary church in Chicago, of which Rev. David T. Magill has been pastor for ten years. Ten years ago that church had to sell its property and seek a new location at 40th Street and Michigan avenue on account of the increasing colored population in that section, and now, as soon as they can sell their valuable lots, they expect to move again to get away from the Negro population. Mr. and Mrs. Magill have done a fine work in Chicago during these ten years.

Friday noon, April 27, was given to a meeting of the Executive Council in Chicago at the Great Northern Hotel. It was the first meeting of the year for the Council and about \$10,00 were apportioned among the churches of Chicago and vicinity.

Sunday morning was spent with the Berwick church which is among three or four of the best country churches in the state. The Baptist church is the only church in the village of Berwick and for about five miles around it. They have a very fine modern meeting house and a first class parsonage. The pastor has been greatly handicapped the past winter on account of the sickness of his wife, who was in a hospital the last of April. However, the work has been well kept up and it is one of the best missionary churches

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THE Northern Baptist Convention
will meet in Cleveland, Ohio,
May 16-22.

CLEVELAND is in the right loca-
tion for a very large attendance. It
is well located for the Middle West and
there should be a large attendance from
Pennsylvania, New York and New
England.

ONE of the important items of
business at Cleveland will be the
report of the Committee of eleven ap-
pointed last year to report on the pro-
posed cooperation of the Home Mis-
sion Society and Publication Society in
missionary work.

THERE is a wide division of senti-
ment with regard to the report of
the Committee of Eleven. It is not
entirely satisfactory, but after careful-
ly reading the report and much of the
discussion that has followed, the Editor
of the Bulletin is undecided as to
whether the report should be adopted
or rejected. However, he is open mind-
ed and will decide after further infor-
mation.

THE only report that has come to
the Bulletin, so far, of a church
paying its pastor's expenses to the

Northern Convention comes from the
State Street Church in Rockford. The
pastor, Rev. M. H. Day, will have his
expenses paid by the church. Let
others do likewise.

THE National Societies have agreed
to send out but one budget for For-
eign Missions and but one for Home
Missions. The general societies and
women's societies send to the churches
one apportionment for Home Missions
and one apportionment for Foreign
Missions, and the Women's Societies
and General Societies will make the
proper division of the money after it is
sent in.

MEANDERINGS OF THE SUPERINTEN- DENT IN APRIL

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in the state. The pastor, Rev. Charles
Drussell, has taken great pains to de-
velop the missionary giving of the
field.

I stopped at Monmouth Sunday
night and heard the pastor, Rev. W.
C. Rutherford, preach one of a series
of sermons he was giving the people.
The B. Y. P. U. crowded the large
room where they meet and a large
audience was present for the preach-
ing services. Brother Rutherford and
his wife are doing an excellent work
at Monmouth.

Monday morning, April 30th, the
Apportionment Committee met in Chi-
cago. As the total apportionment was
nearly the same as last year, it did not
require a long session. The committee,
in a two and a half hours' session,
agreed upon certain points and left the
matter for the Secretary to work out,
to be reviewed by the Superintendent
before the apportionments are sent out.

RECEPTION TO THE STATE CONVENTION BOARD AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Friday, March 13th, was far from being an "unlucky day" for the members of the State Convention Board, and Co-operating Departments, who had assembled at our University church in Champaign for the transaction of business. Every courtesy was extended by Rev. M. S. Bryant and his charming wife, every member being especially interested, not only in the beautiful new University Church, of which Illinois Baptists may well be proud, but the attractive apartment built in the church for the pastor and his family received inspection and approval.

ENTERTAINED IN CHURCH

The writer of this article was most graciously entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Bryant and it was rather a novel experience to sleep next to the church parlor, and help do the dishes immediately under the choir loft to the accompaniment of a quartet practising in the church above. Department work occupied the morning hours of the day. In the afternoon, with some of our Baptist students, we visited the buildings of our Illinois University.

THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN REVIEW

From the great armory building we, with hundreds of other spectators, watched the "review" of the Illinois students. It was a thrilling hour as these hundreds of young men, our Illinois boys, marched and counter-marched on the great drill field. Bands were playing, flags floating to the breeze, true patriotism was shown by "soldier-boy" and onlooker, and yet our hearts were filled with an unutterable ache, our eyes with tears, as we looked and wondered "What of the future.?"

EVENING RECEPTION

But we must come to the evening, when the State Board, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, stood in the long receiving line, and shook hands with a large number of these same students. I wish all Illinois Baptists might have been there. We, as a denomination, may well be proud of the beautiful new church, but more than that should we be proud of our Baptist young people who make up the membership of this church. During the evening Rev. Mr. Bryant welcomed the Board and guests, assuring all that his work in life was only to "press the button, things go." One "pressure" of this button brought forth a quartet of young men who favored us with music. Another "pressure" and Mr. Fairview, a student from Alton, gave a most cordial welcome to the guests, and also a resume of the value of the University Church to the University students. He compared the church to a great industrial plant, Pastor Bryant being the foreman, the students, workmen, Baptists of the State, stockholders, while the guests of the evening were the Board of Directors. He told of the method of co-operation between "foreman" and "workmen" and the system employed for educating the young people for leadership in the future. Mr. Bryant supplemented this talk by giving more specific instances, of several young men who, during the five years since the organization of the University Church, have taken positions of trust and responsibility in other cities. Dr. Brand, in a few words, told the history of the building of the University Church, stating that the necessary funds were raised in eight months and twenty days, that the church and equip-

ment and money put into pastoral work were valued at about \$43,000. He cited it as an example of the Christian faith and loyalty of Illinois Baptists and expressed his appreciation of Pastor Bryant, who is the central figure among the 250 students who make up the church membership. Dr. S. J. Skevington, of Chicago, spoke in his inimitable way, at first convulsing the company with stories and then taking for his text, "And he went forward a little," rounding out the thought that spirituality and consecration must precede service, making the beauty of service so clear and the church so worth while that every person was moved to a greater desire for usefulness. A general social time followed, delicious refreshments were served, and college songs sung. Those of us who were privileged to be there have a memory of bright, happy girls, splendid, manly young men, helpful, consecrated leaders, and again we thank God for the Baptists of our great State of Illinois.

Mrs. W. P. Topping.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. Fenton Bartine has done good work at Pittsfield during the past year, and in one year the church has advanced to self support. He has also done good work at Perry. He quite recently baptized three converts.

At this writing Rev. F. L. Church is conducting a series of meetings at Momence, south of Chicago. Reports indicate that the meetings are quite successful. His last meeting was at the Epiphany Church in Chicago, and proved to be a very helpful meeting to the pastor and church.

Evangelist F. M. Dunk spent the

latter part of March and the early part of April in special meetings at Centralia. The pastor and a layman write very encouragingly of the meeting. The financial offering for the work of the church was very good. Brother Dunk went from Centralia to Madison, and conducted a two weeks' meeting, which was very helpful to the church. The meetings were still in progress when last heard from and we do not know the number of additions, but there were some, and the spiritual condition of the church was greatly improved.

Dr. N. T. Hafer spent about a week during the Easter period with the Marseilles Church and made an every member canvass of the church and greatly increased the number of contributors. He is now engaged in a two weeks' meeting at Riverside, Decatur, and will make a strong effort to get that Baptist interest in a position to do aggressive work.

We quote the following from a letter written by W. E. Andereck, our missionary pastor at Bradford, April 3rd. "Bradford is the most optimistic and enthusiastic church I have seen for many a day. The material just gathered in, and that which is coming, is of a very high grade. They have a very extended and a very strong influence. These new members are working to gain others, and the older members are working too. They are continuously finding new material to work upon, and I have never been busier than now in going after these prospects." This is a very encouraging report from the Bradford Church, which has been so much discouraged and so much of the time without a pastor during the past few years.

Rev. E. H. Fletcher, our colored missionary, says "I spent April 1st at Wheaton. They have a small church, no pastor at present, and say they are not able to have one. I preached twice and administered the Lord's Supper, attended the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. The meetings were all good." During the past month Brother Fletcher has also preached at the mission points in Hopkins' Park and Dixon.

Rev. E. M. Salter, student pastor of the Hinckley Church, writes, "The prayer meetings are increasing in numbers and in spirit, and while it is certainly up-hill work, yet I feel anything but discouraged." We are glad to hear these encouraging words from the new pastor at Hinckley.

Evangelist V. Colbert held a meeting at the Unity Church in East St. Louis, aided by Rev. Jesse Hyde of Belleville. There were eleven additions, eight by baptism. He is now pushing the work to get a basement for a new church building completed this summer.

Rev. C. F. Stalker held a meeting at Frankfort Heights in Southern Illinois. We learned while the meeting was in progress that it was quite successful, but have not heard definite results at the close of the meeting. He is at this time in a meeting at Campbell Hill.

Rev. F. A. Kelly, pastor at Oglesby, conducted a three weeks' meeting in February with the assistance of an evangelist from Chicago. Some members of the church were reclaimed and seven converts united with the church on Easter Sunday.

Rev. H. L. Duff of Mt. Sterling writes, "We have eight awaiting baptism and two more by letter will come in next week."

Dr. N. T. Hafer writes concerning the work at Riverside, Decatur, "We completely reorganized yesterday and elected officers from the ground up; elected two trustees from the First Church. The people say it was the most harmonious meeting in years. Received two members, adults."

Rev. E. T. Potter of Aledo writes that that church has raised its apportionment with the 15 percent increase. He says, "Our young people have finished papering the church here and, a new coat of paint on the outside; it looks fine."

Rev. E. H. Fletcher, our general missionary among the colored people, seems to keep busy among a considerable number of weak interests. The colored population in Illinois is increasing rapidly and the Baptists ought to do a much more aggressive work among those people than they are doing.

A layman from Centralia writes, "Brother Dunk has been with us about three weeks. He has been a great blessing to our church. He surely is a man of God and knows His word. The afternoon meetings have been a blessing to all who attended."

Rev. J. Johnson of Chillicothe held a meeting at the Pleasant Grove Church, which was closed on account of bad weather. Four were received for baptism and two were restored to membership. The work at Chillicothe is making some progress. The congregations are increasing in numbers and the Sunday School is growing. Five have united with the church, two by restoration and three by letter.

Our missionary pastor at Glasford, Rev. Chas. W. Wolfe, writes, "Our Bible School reached its climax last Sunday—forty-nine. We have just

paid the insurance policy on the church and parsonage; it was without any insurance for three years. A woman took a stand for Christ at prayer meeting a week ago. LaMarsh had a very good winter for a country church. This is a most promising country field; there are none more promising."

The pastor of the Reynolds Church writes, "Our educated and capable young druggist has taken hold of the Sunday School at Reynolds and is proving very efficient. He is also conducting Sunday evening meetings the alternate Sunday when I am absent."

CHURCHES

The special meeting in the First Church of Cairo resulted in twenty-four additions by baptism and a number by letter, with a large number to be received when this information was secured. Rev. L. D. Lamkin, D. D., is the pastor and conducted his own evangelistic meeting.

Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor of the Osceola Church, assisted Rev. L. C. Trent of Kewanee in meetings for two weeks. Brother Allen is reported to have done some good preaching and the meetings were helpful and strengthened the spiritual life of the church. We have not learned the number of additions. Brother Trent says, "Our every member canvass was the best we have ever had. If we collect all that was pledged we will meet our apportionment this year."

Rev. Russell A. Rapson of Roodhouse held a good meeting with that church, doing the preaching himself. Eight were added to the church and more to follow. The church made the pastor a liberal donation at the close of the meeting.

Plainfield

"About 100 were present at reception given Tuesday night at the Baptist Church for the newly selected pastor, Rev. J. D. Crumley, and his wife, who are now pleasantly located in the Baptist parsonage. Revs. Moehl and Beddoes gave words of welcome for the new pastor, and Dr. Knight, who was unable to be present, expressed like sentiments by letter. A short program was rendered and light refreshments were served."

A member of the First Baptist Church of Kankakee, writes "We have been breaking all records for attendance lately, 308 in Sunday School Sunday. It being our annual decision Sunday, there were forty-seven decisions as a result. At the organization of our Baptist Brotherhood two weeks ago, 110 men sat down to dinner and eighty-two of these signed the membership cards and paid their annual dues." Rev. A. B. Mercer is pastor of the Kankakee Church, and has had splendid success since he began his work about two years ago.

Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor at Osceola, writes concerning the meeting at Kewanee, "The brethren there seemed to be well pleased. Some fifteen or sixteen united with the church, all of whom were men and women except two, a boy and girl about twelve years of age. I heartily enjoyed preaching to them. Brother Trent has a mighty responsive bunch. Then too, I think it does a preacher good to preach to other people after he has been in a place as long as I have been here, ten years."

Rev. W. W. Brown, who spent a part of the past year at McLeansboro, is now nicely located at Carbondale.

He did a very good work at McLeansboro and we hope he will be equally successful on the great Carbondale field.

Rev. H. F. Holbrook, pastor of the Bushnell Church, writes that he is much encouraged with the work there, and that the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. interests have increased. He says, "Recently we engaged Rev. L. E. Ellison of Plymouth to help us in a special effort which resulted in a spiritual uplift. In the neighborhood of twenty-four souls were brought into a deeper relationship with God, as well as some new converts added. Rev. Mr. Ellison did good work here and we learned to like him and appreciate his earnestness for the Master. I expect to baptize about ten candidates on Easter night."

Dr. M. P. Boynton, pastor of the Woodlawn Church of Chicago, writes, "We had a great day Easter Sunday. I baptized sixteen. Over sixty have made confession in our church in the last month. I shall have a goodly number to welcome in the next communion, perhaps as many as fifty. Our membership is now 1018, a net gain for the year of ninety-seven, and a total gain of 155."

The Alpha Church, of which Rev. J. W. Patterson is pastor, seems to be doing well. On the first of April they had raised their apportionment for the national societies. On the 19th of February the church gave their pastor a birthday surprise and a purse of \$37 in silver and \$10 in gold. Brother Patterson seems quite frequently to have something of especial interest for his people. The Alpha Church occupies a fine field for the Baptists.

Rev. F. E. R. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, writes, "We have just concluded a very successful church year. We have raised for all purposes more than \$9000, received 78 new members, and, in gifts and bequests, have received \$6000 for benevolence. The building committee made a preliminary report last night at the annual meeting, and if the ideas presented are carried out the Elgin Church will have a new building, erected on modern Sunday School departmental lines."

Rev. W. R. Waldo, pastor of the church at Macomb, held a three weeks' meeting in March, aided by Ira Deal of Iowa as singer. There were about fifty additions to the church. The Macomb Church is greatly encouraged and is moving forward in its work.

The Colchester Church, of which Rev. L. E. Ellison is pastor, is loyal and faithful in the work. It is now supporting itself without assistance from the State Convention, the first year since its organization.

Rev. E. L. Stovall held a meeting at Elvaston, where he is pastor, for two weeks resulting in the baptism of two young men.

There have been twenty additions to the church at Plymouth, of which Rev. L. E. Ellison is pastor, during the past year.

Rev. E. L. Stovall held a meeting at Warsaw, where he supplies them for half time, resulting in thirteen additions.

The First Church of Aurora, of which Rev. R. H. Claxon has been pastor for one year, has received seventy members since he began his work.

The congregations and Sunday School are good. They are planning to build a basement under the church this summer.

Rev. J. B. McKendry began his pastorate in Mendota, November 1st. The Sunday School has increased 55 percent and the attendance at church 100 percent. They now hold a united service of the Sunday School and church.

The Evanston Church recently showed its appreciation of its pastor, Rev. J. M. Stifler, by giving him a new, five passenger automobile of his own choice, and the church will take care of its up-keep for one year. The church also increased the pastor's salary.

The Blandinsville Church, of which Rev. C. W. Webb has been pastor for one year, is planning to put on the every-member-canvass June 6th, and make their contributions payable weekly or monthly. The pastor has not been well for two or three weeks, but is able to be out at this time.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. D. L. Floyd, who has been student supply pastor at Shabbona for about four years, closed his work April 29th. He is going back to his old home in Pennsylvania and will enter either Crozer or Rochester Theological Seminary next year. He has been doing work at Moody Institute, the Northern Baptist Seminary, and the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He did an excellent work at Shabbona and greatly strengthened that church during his pastorate.

Rev. Mr. Johnson, a student in the Northern Theological Seminary, has been called to take charge of the Shab-

bona Church as a student pastor. A few years ago the Shabbona Church was practically closed up for several years, but has had considerable prosperity during the past four or five years.

The Damascus Church, in the country several miles from Lena recently called to the pastorate Rev. Geo. B. Hopkins of Geneseo. This is a very hopeful country field, and has done good and aggressive work for the past few years.

Rev. G. P. Burdon, who had been pastor at St. Anne during the past three years, most of which time he supplied them as a student pastor, has closed his work at St. Anne and accepted a call to the Griggsville Church. The Griggsville Church occupies quite an important field, has a fine meeting house and new parsonage, and quite a wealthy membership. We hope that Brother Burdon will have large success on that field.

THE FINANCIAL OUTCOME

The National Societies, which closed their books March 31st, all came through the year without a deficit, and the Foreign Mission Society had a surplus of \$33,737.43.

The missionary boards of the Home and Foreign Mission Societies and the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Societies have agreed to unite their budgets for Missions, so that there will be no women's mission budgets sent out to the churches this year, but simply a statement for Home Missions and Foreign Missions, and at headquarters they will divide the money between the women's societies and the general societies.

PERSONALS

Rev. A. P. Rossier, who about ten years ago was pastor of the Bethany Church in the Alton Association, and did most excellent work on that field, went to Western Canada for a few years. He has now returned to Illinois and desires to locate again in the pastorate. The Bethany people all speak very highly of his work on that field and we hope that some field will call him to the pastorate.

Rev. F. M. Dunk, the State Convention evangelist, recently moved from Princeton to Normal, where he will make his home while engaged in the employ of the State Convention.

At a meeting of the members of the First Baptist Church of Rock Island a resolution was passed expressing great appreciation of the fifteen years' work of the retiring pastor, Dr. H. W. Reed. This has been the longest pastorate in the history of the church. The closing part of the resolution states, "As he is about to remove to another field of labor, we assure him and his wife of our kindest regards and pledge them our earnest prayers for their happiness and success for their work in the Master's Vineyard."

Evangelist L. C. Bauer of White Hall at last accounts was working in Goodnight, Texas, and from there plans to go to Clarendon, Texas. Concerning his last meeting in Illinois he writes, "We closed the meeting at Wood River last Sunday night. I was there thirteen days and we had a very fine meeting. Twenty-eight lined up for church membership and there were others to follow. Pastor Blunt baptized a large number of converts at the close of the evening services. I wish it had been so that we could have stay-

ed a week or two longer. I am ready to make fall or winter dates for meetings in Illinois."

A short time ago the National Five Year Program Committee voted that "We heartily recommend to the churches the plan of setting apart a Sunday as a denominational literature day, and, we recommend that the pastor of every church in the Northern Baptist Convention be asked to preach a sermon on the subject on a day selected by him and at that time secure subscriptions for Missions and for the denominational papers which circulate in his territory. To bring this matter forcibly to the attention of the people we hope that a way may be devised by which each pastor may receive from the Five Year Program Committee its endorsement of the plan, and also the endorsement of the Secretaries of the State Conventions, City Mission Societies, Superintendents, District Secretaries and National Societies."

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING APRIL

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment it will be indicated by a (*) star.

*Aledo Church	\$ 8.45
Andalusia Farm Rent	150.00
*Atlanta Church	25.00
Bloomington Church	99.50
Bostick, Rev. F. W., Freeport ch.	
Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
*Bradford Church	7.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	127.70
B. Y. P. U. advertisement in Bulletin	8.00
Cambria Church, special meetings	
C. F. Stalker	54.00
Chicago, Hyde Park Church	200.00
Chicago, Irving Park Church	21.77
Chicago, Tabernacle Church	15.00
*Chicago, Washington Park Church	1.15
*Chicago, Woodlawn Church	51.22
Clyde Church	6.08
Cordeva Church	16.25
Collected in special evangelistic wk	
F. L. Church	78.49
Collected in special evangelistic wk	
F. M. Dunk	123.72

Drew, C. E., Bunker Hill.....	10.00
Evanston Church	6.00
Ferre, George, Decatur	
Special Evangelistic Fund	20.00
Fowle, Rev. W. I., Galesburg,	
Special Evangelistic Fund	10.00
Galesburg Church	51.00
Highland Park Church	5.00
Home Mission Society.....	199.97
Hultgren, Fred, Galesburg	
Special Evangelistic Fund	5.00
Hungarian Mission, Granite City.....	2.00
Kane Sunday School, D. of I.....	1.00
*Kankakee Church	44.48
Keaton, C. L., Cairo	
Special Evangelistic Fund	10.00
Kewanee Church	8.15
Lentz, E. J. and wife, Carbondale	
Special Evangelistic Fund	2.00
Mahomet Church	35.00
Maywood Church	5.00
Miner, H. E., Victoria	
Special Evangelistic Fund	50.00
*Moline First Church	42.50
Morgan Park Church	21.18
Normal Church	13.43
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Osceola Church	53.00
Quincy Church	13.20
Quincy Association Missionary Com.	70.56
Rambo, J. C., Peoria	
Special Evangelistic Fund	10.00
Raritan Church	22.00
*Rock Island First Church	65.00
Roodhouse Church	20.00
Roodhouse Sunday School, Amoma	
class	5.50
Smith, Rev. J. W., Nokomis.	
Special Evangelistic Fund	2.00
Standish, E. B., Marengo	
Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
*Sterling Church	3.00
*Timewell Church	30.00
Time well Church, Mrs. Susan	
Scoggan	5.00
Upper Alton Church	38.85
Wheaton Church	13.58
Woman's Mission Society, for print-	
ing in Annual, etc.....	14.00
Total	\$1,985.64

ing house was built in 1869, in the country, and moved into the village in 1883. It is not yet known what the church is planning to do.

DEATHS

The mother of our State Convention Evangelist F. L. Church passed away Saturday, April 21st, at her home in Holly, Mich. Brother Church has the sympathy of his Illinois brethren in this hour of bereavement.

Rev. Peter Prince of Aledo died Tuesday, April 24, at 3:30 p. m. He was born in Hamilton county, Illinois, July 1, 1853, and spent most of his life in the ministry in the Southern part of the state. A few years ago he was pastor for a time at Glasford, in the Peoria Association, and later was pastor of the Antioch Church a few miles from Aledo. While pastor there several years ago he had a stroke of paralysis, and has not been able to do any ministerial work since. He has always been highly appreciated by all who knew him.

Rev. W. H. Carner of DuQuoin died April 8th, at the age of eighty-four years. He spent many years in the pastorate in Illinois and was an active pastor until within a few years of his death.

MEETING HOUSE BURNED

On Tuesday night, April 24th, the Baptist meeting house at Stillman Valley was struck by lightning and completely destroyed by fire. The pulpit, furnishings, two organs and chairs were saved. There was an insurance of \$1200. The church has a good parsonage and endowment. The meet-

Rev. W. A. Dalton of Deer Creek recently gave a series of three travelogue lectures in the Opera House of his trip around the world. Altogether 200 lantern slides were shown, covering Great Britain, South Africa, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. The lectures were very popular and well attended. Several other towns are asking for the lecture.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.

Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

The Home was graciously and generously remembered at Easter. Some sent in eggs and it is needless to say our boys and girls enjoyed them and are still relishing eggs.

A number of Sunday Schools responded by cash in answer to the Superintendent's Easter letter. I take this opportunity to thank one and all for their kind consideration of the needs of the Home.

Our large family abides with us and are all well, with the exception of a few cases of measles, that are quarantined in our hospital room. This came to us by a little girl that had only been three days in the Home; had we the Receiving Home built we would have evaded the trouble.

Could the friends of needy and homeless children realize how important a Receiving Home and Hospital building is to the welfare of the children, there would be generous response in cash and pledges.

We expect to break ground for the building in May. Here is a chance to share in a noble work. One thousand dollars secures a memorial ward. Five hundred dollars a memorial room, or a choice of one of two sun parlors. Two hundred and fifty dollars to one hundred dollars, according to position and size, secures a memorial window. Thirty-five dollars secures a share and assures the name of the individual being inscribed on a tablet placed in the building.

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

On April 7th, Miss Kathryn Weber, our matron, and the ends of two fingers torn off back to the first joint by the dough mixer, which is run by electric power. She was taken to the Mayfield Sanitarium in St. Louis and is still there at present writing.

An epidemic of measles struck us about the time the matron was taken to the hospital, but Mrs. Klotzsche and Mrs. Blevins got under the burden and successfully nursed our children through their trouble, except one little stranger who brought us the disease. In her case complications immediately developed and she was finally taken to a hospital.

Rev. F. T. Klotzsche, who has put in about fourteen months of strenuous work for the orphanage, closed his connection with us early in May. He is again available for the pastorate and we would be glad to have some good church secure his services.

Mr. W. F. Abston of Mattoon and his wife and son are camping in our farm house, as we are wont to fall it. Mr. Abston came to take charge of the proposed improvements, and since the departure of Mr. Klotzsche, is also lending a hand wherever he sees an opportunity to help.

The main building looks much better after being only partly dressed in white paint. Another coat will show up in good shape, we hope. Liberal donations for our improvements are now in order.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

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2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

Happy words of greeting, entertainment in beautiful homes, delightful supper for board members on Tuesday evening, splendid arrangements for the W. W. G. banquet Wednesday evening; such were the conditions under which the women of Central District met in Peoria, April 25th and 26th.

The slogan, "Redeeming the Time", was well carried out, not a minute being lost. Under the direction of Mrs. D. W. Beggs, Home Vice-President of the District, the program arranged by Mrs. E. W. Lounsbury went forward with spirit and alacrity. Would that every word might be reported! Perhaps the "high-lights" of the meeting were the treasurer's report, showing the total receipts from Central District for 1916-17, \$41,636.58; the W. W. G. Conference and Banquet; the splendid presentation of "Our Representatives on the 'Firing Line'" given by the W. W. G. of Kewanee; the impersonations of Central District Missionaries; the explanation by Mrs. Andrew MacLeish of the co-operation of our Woman's A. B. F. M. S. with the General A. B. F. M. S.

Of great interest were the addresses given by three missionaries, Mrs. Metzgar of Africa, Miss Lucas of Burma and Mrs. Cossum of China; the "Quiet Hour," led by Mrs. M. H. Harrison, Mrs. L. C. Trent, Mrs. George B. McKee, all of Illinois; the

"Story of the States", by the State Secretaries, and the addresses given by Mrs. MacLeish and Miss Alma J. Noble.

It seemed fitting that this notable meeting should close with an address by one of our leading pastors, Dr. C. W. Gilkey, his topic being "Missions and the War."

MRS. W. P. TOPPING.

It is cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing that both of our Woman's National Societies closed without a deficit. The receipts from Illinois were, Home Society, on apportionment \$14,944.24, Ruby Anniversary and Specifics \$5,210.70, on deficit \$605.01, legacies \$11,800.00; total \$32,559.95. Foreign Societies, on apportionment \$18,318.85, special gifts \$5,924.83; total \$24,243.68.

The Summer School of Missions at Winona Lake, June 21-29 under the Interdenominational Committee has a fine program: "The African Trail," will be taught by Mrs. D. B. Wells, and "Missionary Milestones" by Mrs. H. L. Hill. Other fine speakers and teachers will be present. Especial attention is to be given to young ladies' work. They are promised a good time. The full program is so enticing that every woman should see it. Send for one to headquarters of either society or Mrs. C. W. Peterson, 11132 S. Hoyne Ave., Chicago.

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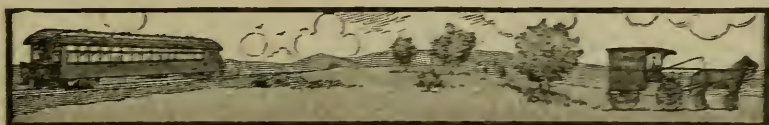
JOHN RUTHVEN
2319 W. 109th St., Chicago

It is not possible at this time to give the results of the Standard Campaign, but it is possible to say that every Union that has made any effort whatever, has been benefited, whether consciously or unconsciously. Recently a local president was asked, "Did your Union enter the Campaign?" "No," he replied, "we have no time for that." "What then is the objective, of your Union?" he was asked; but, sad to relate, he had no objective, they just "existed." Have you an "objective" for your Union? Can there be any better, more comprehensive objective, than our Standard? State President Johnson is sending out a query to all local Unions asking certain information regarding the work, and it is to be hoped that it will be answered by every person receiving it. The State Union is very desirous to begin the Campaign for next year now. Now is the time to begin making plans for next fall, and President Johnson desires to have everything in the best running order for our great State meeting in Moline next fall. Kindly give this your prompt attention, answer the query, and begin working now to enter the Campaign in the fall. In order to obtain help, and grow enthusiastic about the benefits and possibilities of a Standard Union, plan to send delegates to the coming International Convention at Detroit, and

to the Summer Assembly at Havana. More time will be given to Conference work at the International Convention, than in any previous year. Local Unions are urged to come with their problems, and have them considered by specialists. In connection with the trip to Detroit, it will be wise to register at once, the Transportation Leader has adopted the slogan "First come—Best Served," which simply means that those who register first will have the pick of the rooms at the hotel, and berths on the Pullman, and the preference in other ways. The expense of \$29.00 for this trip includes railroad fare, dinner, Pullman, room, and board, baggage transfers, auto tour, and boat rides. It is well to know that if you register, and for any reason are unable to make the trip, all your money will be returned.

Chicago Union held its first annual Baptist Choir Federation concert in Orchestra Hall. It was certainly a great success from a musical standpoint. Miss Amy Emerson Neill, violin soloist; Palmer Christian, organist, and the Imperial Quartette, supported by a large chorus, gave a program that held the audience of about 2,000 spellbound for two and one-half hours. It was a great success and it is to be hoped that this chorus can be made a permanent affair.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,
117 North Monroe St., Decatur.

The State Sunday School Committee held a meeting at Champaign Friday, April 13th, at which time matters of considerable importance to our state work were discussed. A request was presented to the State Board asking for an appropriation of two hundred dollars to help finance our work. The request was granted and the committee feels that we can now attempt some things that have not been possible heretofore. We need the help of an Elementary Leader in the state and are now on the lookout for a young lady who can and will devote part of her time to this work for a small compensation.

We will soon prepare a program for associational institutes, combining Sunday School and Young People's work and covering a period of two days. Mattoon has already asked that one of these institutes be held in that church. We now ask churches who are willing to entertain such a meeting and invite workers from nearby churches to attend, and furnish lodging and breakfast, to send in your applications at once.

In the Standard campaign twelve schools have reported as "Standard" and will receive a pennant from the State Committee. The twelve schools are: Covenant, Normal Park, North Shore, and Second, all of Chicago; Lombard Ave., Oak Park; Champaign,

Decatur First, Galesburg, Jacksonville, Lincoln, Paris, and Tremont. Nine schools reported as "Star," and thirty-four as "Striving." This is a much better showing than we made last year.

There were fourteen "Standard" B. Y. P. U. Societies reported, three "Star," and sixteen as "Striving."

Pastor Enslow of Clayton has recently organized a thriving B. Y. P. U.

The mid year meeting of the Salem Association was held at Raritan. It was an unusually interesting and enthusiastic meeting throughout. The Raritan people entertained the delegates royally.

I conducted a decision service at Galva, the fourth Sunday in April. Good preparation had been made and there were seventeen who publicly confessed Christ. It was a great day for the Sunday School. Pastor O. R. Thomas and Supt. F. W. House deserve great credit for the success of the day.

I attended a big city institute in the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, under the direction of the American Baptist Publication Society. All sessions were well attended and fifty certificates were granted at the close to those who took notes on ten or more lectures.

Pastor Stoddard of Dixon is doing a fine work with a large class of boys. He seems to have special qualifications along this line of service.

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† The Meetings of the Northern Baptist Convention †

This convention met in Cleveland, Ohio, May 16-22. The war perhaps kept some people away. The attendance was hardly as large as was expected and yet the enrollment on the second day was over 1800 and finally reached 2500. Cleveland is a city of more than 600,000 people, well provided with hotels, and is a splendid place in which to hold such a meeting. We have never seen a more earnest spirit manifested in any meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention. A considerable amount of important business was transacted by the Convention. The one item of business of greatest interest for several years was the missionary work of the Home Mission Society, and the Publication Society. That came up this year under the report of the Committee of Eleven. The report of this committee received much attention and took considerable time, and was finally laid on the table and the Law Committee was instructed to take up the matter of getting a law passed by the legislatures of Pennsylvania and New York that would allow the readjustment of the work of the Publication and Home Mission Societies in such a way as would be satisfactory to the denomination and at the same time save the invested funds of

the Publication Society. It is not sure that this can be done, and if it can be done it will require several years to do it. In the meantime, a committee of the Convention will render aid in adjusting the affairs between the general offices of the two societies, and both the Home Mission Society and the Publication Society were ordered not to do any work in any state except in in harmony and co-operation with the State Convention board. This we think, does not apply to large cities where these societies are working in co-operation with city mission organizations.

Almost every address or sermon, it mattered not what the topic, dwelt largely upon the subject of the war. There was not an expression of hatred toward the German and Austrian people, but there seemed to be a universal feeling that Prussian militarism and the rule of the Kaiser are assailing the liberties of the world, are enemies to democracy and the strong support of autocracy. The feeling seemed to be very general that our President and this country did all that could be done to avoid getting into this world war, but that righteousness and preservation of human rights and the continuation of democracy compelled this

country to enter the war against Germany, and all seemed to feel that however long a time it might require, at whatever cost in men and money, this country should faithfully stand by the work until victory is won and that not only the rest of the world, but the people of the central empires should enjoy the blessings of a liberal government and until the detestable Turks shall forever be deprived of ruling any people in Europe or any Christian people in Asia.

It is remarkable what a large number of the sons of Baptist ministers from all over the country have enlisted in the ranks.

Rev. J. H. Brougner of Los Angeles preached a great sermon at the Euclid Avenue church Sunday night. Every seat was taken, and many stood during the service. This is the church where John D. Rockefeller holds membership. It is a downtown church, a large, old-fashioned stone building. It is reported that Mr. Buster, the pastor, has this meeting house crowded every Sunday night. There are 2,000 Baptist men in Cleveland and they are reported to be a very strong body in the interest of civic righteousness as well as of personal religion.

The reports of all the missionary societies were given as usual in the Convention. There were many school and seminary banquets, at all of which there were addresses. The largest banquets were given Monday night, to which the whole evening was given. One was for the men at the Statler Hotel, and the other for the women at the Chamber of Commerce. At the men's banquet there were about 1000 present and possibly 800 at the women's banquet. There were several

short addresses, and Dr. Franklin, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society, gave a splendid address. He was followed by the Governor of the State of Maine, a splendid Baptist layman. Then Mr. Smith of New York, a Congregationalist Y. M. C. A. worker, spoke for an hour and a half. He is a great orator, and seven-eighths of his speech was very good; but he said some things that were shallow and untrue; and that great body of Baptist men showed their disapproval of them. It was announced at the men's meeting that a layman, who refused to allow his name to be published, gave \$150,000 for educational and missionary work in Western China.

The Superintendent and his wife left the Convention Tuesday morning and came home, thus missing the last two sessions. The missionary societies had all come through the year without a debt and no money was raised and no collection taken.

A memorial service for Dr. H. L. Morehouse was conducted in the Convention Hall Sunday morning from 9:00 o'clock until 10:30. The audience was not large at that hour, but the service was deeply impressive. Brief addresses were given by Rev. Geo. Moor, Dr. Morehouse's pastor, Dr. L. C. Barnes, Associate Secretary, Dr. L. A. Crandall, a long time friend, and others.

Mr. Coleman of Boston was elected president, and our own W. G. Brimson, of Chicago, first vice president. Mr. Brimson presided at the men's meeting Monday night. The next place of meeting will be Atlantic City, N. J. Denver, Colorado, tried hard for the 1918 Convention, but Atlantic City secured it.

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SIX Associations will meet this year
in June, viz: Rock River and Dixon,
Chicago, Aurora, Rock Island and
Ottawa.

THE Rock River and Dixon Asso-
ciations voted last year to consoli-
date as one Association. While the
churches of the two associations will
not make a large number of churches
from one association, the territory is
very large, taking in nearly the entire
width of the state. There are several
large counties in that territory that do
not have a Baptist church.

THERE will be almost no conflict
this year among the associations
in Illinois affiliating with the State
Convention, in the time of meeting.
One person can attend all of these as-
sociations without inconvenience.

THE time when the association
meets is the best time to talk up
the Bulletin. This is a paper of the
people, printed for the people, at an
expense to the State Convention, and
everyone should make himself a special
agent for this little Illinois paper.

THE Bulletin stands squarely with
the President and the Government
in the present war with Germany. It
is no longer neutral, but loyal.

THE German autocracy has sacri-
ficed all modern Christian prin-
ciples to gain its points in the war.

THE Turks have sacrificed about
1,000,000 Armenians since Tur-
key entered the war. They were not
belligerent, but industrious Christian
people. Germany was in partnership
with Turkey in the war and one com-
mand from Berlin would have saved
the Armenians, but that command was
not given.

ENGLAND has controlled the seas
and captured many ships, but in
no case has England or France sunk a
merchant vessel, thus destroying the
vessel and its cargo and sacrificing the
lives of the people.

SUBMARINE warfare against mer-
chant ships must be overcome and
put out of business forever. The Uni-
ted States has been attacked by having
her citizens, men, women and children,
murdered by German submarines tor-
pedoing merchant vessels.

THE United States would have been
justified in entering the war when
Belgium was ruthlessly invaded; but
she held off. Again she had sufficient
cause for war when the Lusitania was
torpedoed and nearly 100 American
lives lost, and still our President held
off for two and a half years. It was
evident that the democracy of the
world demand that America should
bear her part in the greatest struggle
the world has ever known.

The American people ought not to
talk about the scarcity of grain as long
as they put 600,000,000 bushels per
year into the manufacture of whiskey
and beer.

CHURCHES

Rev. C. N. Manchester of Edinburg has been doing some work at Pawnee with considerable success. Pawnee has not had a pastor for more than a year. Brother Manchester has been supplying the church a few Sundays and recently baptized four young men on a Sunday afternoon and two young ladies made a profession of faith and were received for baptism.

The Centralia Church, of which Rev. A. P. Howells is pastor, seems to be making considerable progress in its missionary offerings. The pastor says, "I believe my tithing campaign has assisted us in bringing up these apportionments." Brother Howells recently published a tithing story in the Standard entitled "John Tightwad," which was read with considerable interest.

Rev. A. A. Todd has been pastor at Jacksonville eight months during which time twenty-three members have been added to the church, four of these by baptism. A debt of a few hundred dollars has been raised and all financial obligations are being promptly met. The church is planning to build an up-to-date Sunday school plant and the money is now being raised for that work.

"Rev. and Mrs. Mahlon H. Day threw open their home at 1115 East State street Monday evening to the members of the church and congregation of State Street Baptist church and friends of the community, who were invited for an informal celebration of their fifteenth wedding anniversary and of the fourth anniversary of Mr. Day's call to the Rockford pastorate. A very large company assembled for the social hour, and, with sincere congratulations on the happy anniversaries, pres-

ented Rev. and Mrs. Day with a very beautiful library table.

"The church has been so signally prosperous in all its activities during the four years just ending and look with such unanimity of purpose to the future, that friends in the church were not to be denied a gift in token of their warm regard, hence the presentation notwithstanding that the pastor had requested that there should be no recognition of that nature."

Rev. H. B. Stevens, who graduated at Rochester Seminary a year ago, located as pastor of the Marengo Church some time during the past year. In the past seven years the church had suffered a loss of ninety in their resident membership and in that time there had been only twenty-five baptisms. The first week in April was observed as a week of prayer, followed by two and a half weeks of special meetings, the pastor doing the preaching. The result was more than thirty decisions for Christ, twenty converts baptized, ten men and boys and ten women and girls. Others are expected to follow soon. The pastor has established one outside preaching appointment and hopes to establish a second one soon.

The Berlin Church of which Rev. A. W. Judd has been pastor for several years, has been moving along real progressive lines during the past year. At the annual meeting in January every department of the church reported all bills and apportionments paid and a balance in the treasury. The church raised its apportionment for missions with 15 per cent added. At the annual meeting they voted to purchase one whole town block near the church to be used as a parsonage site. The amount needed for this investment has since been fully subscribed.

Rev. J. M. Osborne, pastor at Watertown and East Moline, is having very encouraging results. He recently closed a week's meeting with the Watertown Church which resulted in eighteen additions to the church. He is making a strong effort for a church building at East Moline, and has secured \$4,000 subscriptions from the East Moline people, but on account of a campaign in the city for \$100,000 for a Y.M.C.A. building and one for \$25,000 for a hospital, he had to hold off his church campaign for the time being.

A member of the Mason City church writes a very encouraging letter concerning the work of Rev. A. E. Powell, who became pastor there last year. Brother Powell held a two weeks' meeting in March, assisted by a singer from the Moody Bible Institute. The report says "The meetings proved very beneficial to the church membership and much spiritual good was done. Eight adults were added to the church and on Easter Sunday eve two persons over sixty years of age were baptized. The special amount of money raised for the meetings was \$107."

The Carbondale church, of which Rev. W. W. Brown has been pastor a few months, seems to be moving along in an encouraging way. There were baptisms April 29th and May 6th. The pastor says, "The men of our church, a fine lot indeed, have said that we shall have a men's church and they are making good. Our B. Y. P. U. has past the 200 mark; 306 present Sunday evening. We will have a part in the Five Year Program."

Dr. D. O. Hopkins of Champaign recently baptized forty converts and received ten or twelve others into the

church as the result of union meetings held in that city.

Rev. J. W. Bradbury, pastor of Raymond Institute on the South Side in Chicago, attended the Northern Baptist Convention in Cleveland. He has been on that field four or five years. He began with six members and now has eighty-one Baptists in his congregation. He is aided by the Executive Council on that field and collects a considerable amount of money from interested parties outside of the church. Last year he had twelve baptisms and three were added to the church by experience.

THE THIRD ANNUAL ILLINOIS BAPTIST SUMMER ASSEMBLY JULY 15-22

Now is the time for you to make your plans to attend the Assembly. The place where it will be held, Quiver Lake, Chautauqua Park, Havana, Ill., is one of the most delightful spots in Illinois. The exceptionally strong array of talent that has been secured by the Program Committee will be a strong incentive to induce a large number to take advantage of the same. The business manager has mailed a large number of attractive posters to the different churches in the state and if any more are desired, or some have been overlooked, same can be had by dropping a line to the business manager. The daily programs and announcements will be out in the near future. How many can you use? Please note some of the numbers on the program:

Pastoral Methods and Bible Addresses—Rev. M. P. Boynton, D.D., Chicago.

Address—Dean Shailer Mathews, University of Chicago.

Address—Rev. Jas. H. Franklin, of Boston, Mass.

Young People's Hour—Rev. E. LeRoy Dakin, Logansport, Ind.

Bible Address—Rev. L. D. Lamkin, D. D., Cairo.

Sunday School Methods—Seldon H. Roberts, State Sunday School Director of Indiana.

The Women's Societies will be represented in missionary courses by Miss Ruth Tapping of New York City, Dr. Etta R. Hilton of Chicago, and Miss Lyde Jenkins. Other speakers will also take part.

Season tickets—\$1.00; cottages fully furnished to accommodate eight or more persons, from \$2.00 per day up. For information regarding cottages, address Rev. J. G. Little, Havana, Ill. For season tickets or other information address Rev. E. K. Masterson, Business Manager, Pastor Baptist church, Normal, Ill.

E. K. Masterson,

PASTORAL CHANGES

While we have not heard anything directly, yet it is reported that Rev. J. C. Oranger, pastor at Minonk, has accepted a call from the First Baptist Church of Rock Island. Rock Island is a great opportunity and Brother Oranger is a very successful pastor.

Rev. T. B. Marlin recently closed a pastorate of six or seven years at the Morrison Church. He did quite good work at Morrison; was for a time clerk of the Dixon Association, and then elected moderator. He is ready to locate on some other field at any time during the summer and can be addressed at Toulon, Ill.

Rev. W. H. Peebles, who supplied the church at Warren from Chicago during the winter, has now located in

the beautiful parsonage on that field and is giving his whole time to the work there. The Warren Church, has only twenty-eight resident members, but it keeps its meeting house in nice condition, keeps up the beautiful parsonage and lawn, and supports a man for full time on the field without any missionary assistance. Some of our churches of several hundred members that cannot support a pastor ought to learn some lessons of efficiency from the Warren Church.

Rev. L. E. Ellison, who has done a successful work for a year and a half at Plymouth and Colchester, has accepted a call to the Arcola church in the Bloomfield Association.

Rev. Samuel Hoekstra, who had been pastor at Utica for quite a number of years, accepted a call to the Fairfield Church in Southern Illinois, and closed his work in Utica about the middle of May.

Rev. W. F. Huxford closes his work at Big Rock to accept a call to the Sycamore Church in the Rock River Association.

DEDICATION

About two years ago the Antioch church, eleven miles north of Aledo, began talking about repairing the meeting house. They own a good parsonage and nineteen acres of good land. Some of the members thought they should sell about fifteen acres of the land and use the money in repairing the church. But as the pastor, Rev. W. H. Parker, is making splendid use of the land, and by it adding much to his support, some of the members thought it best not to sell the land, but although they differed in opinion, like good, true Christians, they could work together and they put about \$6000 re-

pairs on the old meeting house. The decorations, basement, heating, lighting, etc., are very complete. The house was rededicated May 6th. The Superintendent of the Convention and Evangelist R. S. Kirkland, were there. The Superintendent preached the morning sermon and undertook to raise the debt, which was about \$3,700. Two years time was given for those who needed it, and to pay some interest and grade the yard, etc., \$4,000 was asked for. In one hour and ten minutes \$5416.00 was pledged and about \$35.00 was given in the afternoon. They will have enough over to put the parsonage and farm in first class condition. While the roads were not good, and were very bad in many places, yet there were forty-five automobiles present and forty-eight buggies and carriages. A splendid dinner was given to more than 400 people. The house was full at both afternoon and night services. Evangelist Kirkland preached at night which was the beginning of a week or two of meetings. Brother Kirkland also rendered valuable service in raising the debt. Everybody speaks well of the pastor and his family. He has been on the field about three years, and he and his wife speak in very high and appreciative terms of all the church and outside congregation. The Antioch church has a bright prospect for the future. A cut of the church is given in this issue. The picture was taken before the church was painted and does not show up to as good advantage as it otherwise would.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Dr. N. T. Hafer recently spent a few days at the Riverside Church in Decatur, making an every member can-

vass for current expenses. He has had splendid success, having raised about twice what the church formerly was able to secure and it will be possible, now with a little assistance to locate a pastor for full time on that field. Brother Hafer has done fine work there both in the evangelistic meetings and in the financial work.

Rev. F. L. Church is at this time engaged in evangelistic services in the Second church at Mt. Vernon. That is a difficult field but we hope he will meet with some measure of success.

Quite recently Rev. Martin S. Bryant of Champaign was called to New York on account of the death of his mother, and shortly afterward Mrs. Bryant was called to Massachusetts because of the death of her father. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have the sympathy of their many friends in Illinois. On the 13th of May Brother Bryant baptized three young men at the University church. One of these was a professor in the Department of Mathematics at the State University.

Evangelist F. M. Dunk held a meeting of two and one half weeks at Marissa, closing May 23rd. That church has been without a pastor for about two years, but the meeting was a great success. Twenty-five converts were baptized into the fellowship of the church and others received on letter and experience. Mr. Dunk is now engaged in special meetings with the Deer Creek Church in the Bloomington Association.

Rev. C. F. Stalker, our evangelist in the extreme Southern part of the state, has been hindered very much during the month of May because of measles. He says "We have had measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever and smallpox

all over this end of the state all winter." Notwithstanding this, Brother Stalker has done some quite successful work this spring.

Rev. F. L. Church closed a meeting with the Galilee Church in Chicago May 20th. He writes, "Big crowd; high enthusiasm; great close; baptized seven; received six more for baptism; promised one letter and from ten to twenty good prospects for baptism in church membership in the near future. More than fifty took a stand for Christ and twenty-five young people offered themselves as volunteers for special forms of Christian and missionary work as God may lead the way."

Rev. E. H. Fletcher, our colored missionary, seems to have done an active work during the past month. He visited Quincy, Macomb, Freeport, Dixon and other points during the month of May.

A layman of the Riverside church in Decatur, writes the following expression of appreciation of our State Missionary: "As Rev. N. T. Hafer has just closed a successful two weeks meeting for us at Riverside Baptist church, I thought I would write you a few lines in regard to the situation here. In the first place, I want to say to you, I am expressing the sentiment of the entire church when I say you could not have sent us a better man to do the work and for results than Mr. Hafer. He reorganized the church and put it on an established working basis. He had twelve additions to the church. I want to personally thank you for sending us Mr. Hafer, and know the entire church will join me in the same."

CHALLENGE OF THE HOMELAND

"Over fifty millions in America are still outside of any church."

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Rev. E. K. Masterson, the business manager, gives a statement in this issue concerning the Assembly. This will be the third meeting of the Assembly, and every indication is that it will be the best. A very strong program has been provided. It is a delightful place for boating, swimming, fishing and other out-door sports. Many of our people, both old and young, need a few days outing, and this not only affords recreation but an opportunity for spiritual and intellectual development of the highest character. It is very convenient for hundreds of our people in the central portion of the state, and some from the extreme ends of the state will doubtless attend. Rev. J. G. Little of Havana has charge of the renting of the cottages. Rev. E. K. Masterson of Normal is the business manager; any one desiring information concerning the meeting can write to him. Let those who made subscriptions for the expense of the Assembly either at Quiver Lake last summer, or at the Convention in Alton last October, send the money directly to Mr. Masterson. This Assembly is delightful for a company from one church or community to lease a cottage and club together in boarding during the time. The meetings will be held at Quiver Lake Chautauqua grounds near Havana, July 15-22.

Last month we began the ninth volume of the Bulletin. How rapidly time goes! It seems but a little while since we began the publication of this paper. The Superintendent said to the Board that he would be willing to do the work of publishing the Bulletin

if it would reach 1000 homes. It soon went into 1000 homes and then 2000, and until now within recent months we have sent it into 6000 homes, and it now goes regularly into from 5500 to 6000 homes. At the end of each year we have four beautiful volumes of the Bulletin bound, one for the library of the Editor, one for the State Historical Library, one for the University of Illinois, and one for the University of Chicago.

Now is the time for everyone to work for the increase of the Bulletin subscriptions. It is only fifteen cents per year in clubs of twenty or more, mailed to each individual, twenty cents in clubs of ten and less than twenty, and twenty-five cents for single subscriptions.

PERSONALS

Rev. R. S. Kirkland, D.D., conducted a special meeting with the Arcola church from April 8th, to 29th. Mrs. Kirkland had charge of the song service. The work of both Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland at Arcola is highly spoken of. The meetings resulted in seventy-one converts, forty-nine of them uniting with the Baptist church. The evangelist raised a subscription for the current expenses of the church for the coming year and the people made him a liberal donation for his services in the meetings.

About forty friends of Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Hopkins of the Geneseo Church gave a farewell meeting for them on May 1st, as they were about to depart to Damascus, where Brother Hopkins has located as pastor. They were given a beautiful hand painted china sugar and cream set. These friends brought well filled baskets and a pleasant social evening was enjoyed.

B. Y. P. U. A.

The B. Y. P. U. A. will hold its annual meeting in Detroit, Michigan, on July 5, 6 and 7. Mr. John Ruthven has secured special railroad transportation from Chicago over the Wabash R.R. Write him at Morgan Park for definite information. It is hoped that a large delegation from Illinois will attend this meeting. It is not far away, the expense will not be very large, and the benefits of the Convention will be great.

SUMMER EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

The State Convention owns part interest in a tent for the Alton Association. It also has possession of a tent, pretty badly worn, but that can be used in a few meetings. The Superintendent also bought a tent in Peoria the middle of May and it is being taken care of by Rev. N. T. Hafer, so that we are pretty well prepared for summer work. If any pastors or churches in any part of the state desire tent meetings or any kind of evangelistic meetings this summer, let them write Supt. E. P. Brand at Normal, and he will take the matter up at once. We have been making a rule for the past six months to arrange with churches for evangelistic work as applications are made. The first applications are served first. We had to pass some needy but hopeful fields by because they were too slow in fixing upon a definite time.

The State Apportionment Committee has done its work and the apportionments have been sent to the Churches. Rev. B. E. Allen of Neponset, Ill., has been the secretary and has made out the apportionments for three years. He has become quite efficient in this

work. It is an immense task and requires care and skill. Brother Allen is pastor of a great country church and lives ten miles from a railroad, but there are but few men in the state who could and would do this work as Brother Allen does it. If there have been any mistakes made, or if there is any dissatisfaction anywhere, write to Brother Allen and he will take great pains to make any corrections that need to be made.

The great Judson Memorial Church in New York City, built by Edward Judson as a memorial to his father, Adoniram Judson, has never been self-sustaining. Before the death of Dr. Edward Judson an effort was made to secure an endowment for the church and that has just now been completed. \$300,000 has been raised for the benefit of this memorial church.

STATE CONVENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

When the superintendents and secretaries of the thirty-three states of Northern Baptist Convention met in Chicago last November it was planned to request the Sunday schools to give one session in the year to the State Convention and to its missions and other work. It was agreed to ask the Publication Society to publish a special lesson for that day and the last Sunday in September was agreed upon. Supt. C. M. Dinsmore of Indiana was appointed Chairman of the Program Committee. In the meetings at Cleveland very encouraging reports were made and all the schools in the Northern Baptist Convention will be requested this year to make Sunday, September 30th, State Convention Day. With-

in a few weeks programs will be sent to the pastor of each of our State Convention churches in Illinois and he will be requested to take the matter up with the superintendent of the Sunday school and give one Sunday school session to State Convention work. It is believed that the Sunday schools in the various states will generally be delighted to have this service, and we hope Illinois will not fall behind other states in this particular. The lessons will be very helpful and the information given will be very useful.

A month or two ago we called attention to the destruction of the Tabernacle church in Brooklyn, New York, of which Rev. Geo. C. Moor was pastor. A few weeks ago on a Sunday morning an effort was made to raise \$50,000 to add to the insurance money in building a new meeting house, and with but little difficulty \$70,000 was pledged. They will now have enough money and subscriptions to build a new meeting house, with \$20,000 left as an endowment. Dr. Moor is well known in Illinois and his many friends will rejoice in his great financial success.

DEATHS

The Forest City Church has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Edward Lee Langston, who died in the Proctor hospital in Peoria, May 9th, at the age of forty-seven years. For eighteen years he had been cashier of the Forest City bank. He was one of the charter members of the church and had served as deacon, clerk, treasurer and Sunday school superintendent.

Rev. Peter Prince died at his home in Aledo April 24th. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church,

Rev. J. M. Jones of Carthage conducting the services, assisted by Rev. E. T. Potter and Rev. W. H. Parker.

Rev. A. T. Pierson, pastor of the Baptist church at Chatsworth, died at his home Wednesday evening, April 25th, aged forty-three years, after being sick about seven days with pneumonia. He became pastor at Chatsworth last July and was getting along well on that field at the time of his death.

"NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS" LITERATURE

Non-Resident Members' Literature and the State Convention's recommendation concerning use of same will be sent to all Baptist pastors in the state upon application to Rev. J. H. Wells, Mt. Vernon, Ill., Chairman Non-Resident Membership Committee."

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING MAY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

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Special Evangelistic Fund	2.50
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Special Evangelistic Fund.....	133.94
Miles, Celia M., Centralia	5.00
*Minonk Church	60.00
Northern Baptist Convention	75.00
Ottawa Church	50.00
Publication Soc., adv. in Bulletin	4.00
Rent of Westville, Okla., house	10.50
York Church	10.00
Total	\$865.36

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois

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April and May have been full of varied experiences and hard work for our Superintendent and Board of Managers. Spring house cleaning, garden making, opening of the hospital cottage, sickness and two deaths in the Home—have called for strength and consecrated service.

Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis and Miss Eliza Crowley, after long and useful lives in other places, and a few years with us in the home, where their kind and cheerful spirits were a benediction, entered sweetly into rest.

The splendid success of Tag Day, which added \$2600 to our treasury, was largely due to the efforts of the president of our Board of Managers. The Board hereby extends thanks to all who so faithfully and courteously served on that day. Also for donations of fruit, table linen, groceries, clothing and rugs received from individuals and churches, some as far away as South Dakota.

A note of warning has been sounded by many thoughtful people recently, that in our zeal for Red Cross and other worthy work in connection with the war—we must not forget or neglect to make provision for our own charities which were needed and begun before the war, and will be much more needed and more expensive to maintain now.

Remember the increased expense, *plant, can, and give extra* for our own Old People's Home.



Antioch Church
Rock Island Association, Rededicated on
May 6, 1917

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. W. H. Dickman, who has been pastor in the Greene-Jersey County Association for about ten years, has accepted a call to the Bethel Church in the Rock Island Association. Bethel is a good church with a nice, remodeled meeting house, and neat little parsonage. It is a field of great opportunity.

Rev. C. B. Hilton of Mediapolis, Iowa, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Delavan church. Delavan has been pastorless for about a year, and is a good field.

Rev. T. F. Richardson of Plano has accepted a call and located as pastor of the Oquawka church.

The Ministers and Missionaries' Benefit Fund recently received a \$25,000 donation from Cleveland, Ohio, and \$4,649 from the state of Maine.

The state of Virginia has two candidates for Governor, viz.: Hon. J. Taylor Ellison and Hon. John Pollard, both prominent Baptists.

When the Salem Association met last year it was not decided when and where the next meeting would be held, but at the semi-annual meeting it was decided that the place would be Plymouth, and the time August 28-30.

"China has taken a part in the great forward movement for prohibition. The government has prohibited all production of opium in China and all importation of opium from other countries. This will be a great economic loss to British India, for in certain parts opium is the chief product and China has been the chief market. Twice the British government has forced China to admit India's opium, but now Great Britain has her hands full, and besides, China has just become her ally. Probably Great Britain would not have interfered at this stage in the world's history anyhow, but the Chinese have been wise and far seeing."

THE TORNADO

The tornado which swept through Mattoon and Charleston Saturday, May 26th, was perhaps the most destructive storm that Illinois has ever experienced. The Editor of the Bulletin made special inquiry of our Baptist pastors in the two cities concerning the condition of our Baptist churches and people. Rev. J. M. Lively of Mattoon writes that his home was three blocks from the storm center and his family was not injured; he was in another part of the city at the time. The Baptist meeting house was only slightly damaged and none of the Baptist people were killed, though four or five were seriously injured and about a dozen homes where from one to four members were connected with the Baptist church, were completely destroyed. The Red Cross is reported as doing fine work in Mattoon. Brother Lively had started a fine Sunday School in the northeastern part of the city. More than 100 were present in this school during three Sundays in May, but the school house where they met was completely destroyed and the homes of most of the people connected with that Sunday School were destroyed. Brother Lively assisted in eight funerals on Tuesday afternoon. "Grandma" Claxton, mother of the three preacher boys, was seriously injured; she was visiting at the home of a daughter, whose home was completely wrecked. Her own home was but little damaged.

At Charleston, the Baptists suffered more than at Mattoon. The church building was damaged some, and the home of the pastor, Rev. C. P. Greenfield, was not seriously damaged; only two holes torn in the roof. Brother Greenfield writes, "One of our finest

homes was blown away and four of the family killed. I have the two little children of this family in my home; they were at a neighbor's house playing and went into the basement and were saved. There were fourteen of our families who had their homes destroyed. The Red Cross Society is caring for the homeless as best they can; they are doing fine work. It hit our people hard as most of them either lived in the south part of town, or had their business there." "Nellie Bingaman, who was primary teacher in the Sunday School and Secretary of the B. Y. P. U., was killed."

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Watchman Examiner.

A long-time subscriber writes: "I cannot tell you how I enjoy the paper. It seems to me that the paper grows better and better as the days grow darker and darker. It is like a light set upon a hill. The whole denomination rejoices in its illuminating pages."

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We are leaders no longer—I wonder how the young people of Illinois like that sentence? Kansas and Ohio are ahead of us. They have produced more Standard Unions than we have. For a number of years we have led, now we are deposed—what are YOU going to do about it? There is one way to regain part of our laurels, that is to send so many delegates to the Detroit Convention on that we will make absolutely sure of winning the Prize Convention Banner.

The way to DO that is for YOU, dear reader, to will that your Union shall have a delegate, and then mature plans that will produce the necessary funds to send that delegate. If we are to DO things next fall, if we are to regain our position as leaders next year, NOW is the time to start, and the best way to start, is to have a large delegation at Detroit, who will return home so filled with enthusiasm and zeal that they will sweep everything before them. It has been done, and "what has been done, can be done again."

Ottawa Association produced four Standard Unions—LaSalle, Oglesby, Princeton, Utica. Bloomington had four—Cornell, El Paso, Minonk, and Normal. Alton Association had one, at Upper Alton. Springfield Associa-

tion one, at Decatur First Church, and Chicago Association had four—Millard Ave., North Shore, Woodlawn, and Wilmette, and one Standard Junior Union, North Shore.

The winning state, Kansas, had 18 Senior and one Junior Standard Unions; Ohio had 10 Senior and eight Junior; Illinois 14 Senior and one Junior; Iowa, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Oregon, Washington, Northern California, Wisconsin, Michigan, Colorado, West Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Idaho, and Connecticut followed in the order named. President Johnson says the Oskawawa must "DO the necessary" and must start NOW. Our General Secretary, Miss Davis, has been sending out letters suggesting that locals have a "Detroit week" in which they make some effort to raise money to send delegates to Detroit.

A number of fine rallies have been held in several Associations. At the First Church, Decatur, May 25th, a "Mobilization" of the Baptist Young People of the Springfield Association, took place. The program is quite unique, and the really best part of it is that young people were in a majority as speakers. Things must be happening in Decatur. I wonder if our second vice president, Miss Carolyn Pean, is responsible?

Ottawa Association B. Y. P. U. held a fine rally at Utica. President Geo. Stalker is doing some great work this year. They have a rally planned for Buda on June 22nd. June 5-6 the new "Northwestern" Association will meet at Rockford. It is to be sincerely hoped that they will not only recognize their young people, but will encourage them to organize their own work. Some of the best B. Y. P. U. locals in the state are in this new association, and a great work could be done there. All delegates to the Detroit Convention should send their registration and \$1.00 at once to the Editor. We must know how many are going in order to make hotel reservations, and order out railroad equipment.

NOTICE

The minutes of the Ottawa Association put the time of their meeting as Wednesday, June 20, 21 and 22. The State Convention Annual gives the date of meeting as June 14; this seems to have been an error, as the time given in the minutes is probably correct.

It is interesting to study the relative growth of the leading languages of the world in the last 100 years, and especially to note that the English language has in that time advanced from fifth to first place. In 1800 it was spoken by about one-eighth of the inhabitants of the civilized world; today it is the language of about one-third. It has taken the place that French formerly occupied as the international language. Its use is ever becoming wider, for the inhabitants of all India are finding necessary. It is now a required study in the high schools of Japan, and those of China are teaching it to millions of students. There are those who predict that by the year 2000 A. D. English will be the language of the whole world, other tongues becoming merely local in their use. Quite a prediction, when one thinks of all that it involves!

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The World War



Much has been said and written concerning the United States not being prepared to do anything in this war. But since the government declared that war exists between this country and Germany the United States has voted \$7-000,000,000 for war purposes and many hundreds of millions have been loaned to the Allies. 10,000,000 men, between the ages of 21 and 31, have enrolled. \$100,000,000 has been subscribed for the Red Cross work. \$2,000,000,000 in liberty bonds was asked for from the American people, and they subscribed more than \$3,000,000,000. Large numbers of our best, well educated young men have enlisted and are now in training camps. Already an army, we do not know how large, has landed in France. We have a large number of physicians and nurses at the front. Perhaps by next spring we will have 750,000 men in France. The United States navy is doing large work in subduing the submarine menace. Almost the whole world is now at war, and the great subject of controversy is whether or not the people exist for the state, or the state for the people. The theory of the Central Empires of Europe, completely dominated by Germany, is that the state is supreme, and

that the lives and property of the people should be sacrificed for the state. A false philosophy along this line has been carefully taught all the people of Germany for two generations. The present war has shown the moral standards of such a system. By it the state is not bound by any moral principles. Serious and solemn treaties entered into with other nations are looked upon as scraps of paper if it interferes with the interest of the nation. Human life does not count if it interferes with the plans of the nation. Non-combatant people and women and children can be slaughtered by hundreds of thousands if it will advance the cause of the nation. Non-combatant towns can be bombarded by aeroplanes and passenger and merchant ships can be torpedoed by submarines if that will advance the interests of the nation. All this has been carried out on the one side in this war. The other side is fighting for political and individual and religious freedom; for the rights of small nations to govern themselves; and standards of international law which have been developed among the nations for nearly 2000 years. Our country could not sit still while such a world war was going on. It was very evident

that we must help fight a winning battle now or perhaps fight a losing one a few years later. Our country would have been justified in entering the war a year earlier than we did, but our President held off as long as possible

THE RACE RIOT

at East St. Louis Sunday night, July 1, was one of the most disgraceful and disastrous affairs that ever took place in Illinois. The result was thirty-three negroes and four white men killed, and more than 300 negro homes burned, or in other ways destroyed. This would seem more like a section of Turkey than an Illinois town. In the great movement of negro laborers from the South into northern states, a large number stopped in East St. Louis. Perhaps labor agitation had much to do with the riot, and yet the large firms that employ labor declared that they needed all the common labor, both white and black, that they could get. About 10,000 negroes have left East St. Louis. On Friday morning, July 6th, the papers reported that the Chamber of Commerce, and other citizens were trying to get the negroes to return and promised them protection if they would do so. The industrial condition of East St. Louis will be greatly injured if the colored people do not return. The better class of people in East St. Louis were not in sympathy with this riot, and it is unwise and foolish for the negro people to say harsh things and accuse the white race as against them. The better class of negroes and better class of whites should work together for order and safety and better civilization as against the baser elements of both races. It is reported in the papers that the saloons

had much to do with the East St. Louis riot. We know that East St. Louis is one of the worst saloon towns in America, and openly tramples down the laws in this business. How much this aided the rioters we do not know.

A STREET CAR RIOT

at Bloomington took place on Thursday night, July 5th, following an address by "Mother" Jones. Some street car men were injured, street cars damaged, the electric power plant closed down, and fine plate glass windows in the electric offices broken. Friday afternoon, July 7th, there were several companies of troops from Peoria, Quincy and Chicago encamped on the court house yard, and in other parts of the city. One year ago Bloomington voted the saloons back in business. Friday's papers reported that some of the leaders of the mob had bottles of whiskey and that they were distributed among the men. Probably Bloomington will have sense enough to vote the saloons out by another year.

The Normal B. Y. P. U., Rev. E. K. Masterson, Pastor, made the highest standard of any Baptist Young Peoples Organization in the state in efficiency from every standpoint. And it received the prize by which it was able to send its president to the Convention in Detroit. A few years ago this church and Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were in a very discouraged condition. But within recent years more than \$5,000 have been expended in repairs, a splendid men's League is doing good work, the Sunday school has greatly improved and the B. Y. P. U. has taken the position shown above.

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THE Summer Assembly will meet
at Quiver Lake near Havana,
July 15-22. Two Sundays and the
week between.

THE program is unusually fine this
this year. The inspirational
speakers and the teachers of the classes
are very good. If you cannot attend
all the time, come for a day or two or
for half the week.

THE third quarter of our State Con-
vention year has now come to a
close, and we are entering upon the last
quarter of the year. So far, the work
was never better than this year, and yet
we have not done as much as we could
have done. Much can be done during
the next three months even if the weath-
er is hot most of the time.

PASTORS and churches must not
wait until September before they
begin to think about State Convention
finances. Begin now to work up your
church apportionment for the State
Convention. Your full apportionment
will not be met until the full amount
for the State Convention is raised.

REMEMBER that the last Sunday
in September will be State Con-
vention Sunday School day. Programs
published by the Publication Society
will be sent to the pastors and we hope

that great interest will be taken in that
day by our Sunday schools.

THE 4th of July was exceedingly
quiet in most places. 142 years
ago we were entering upon a great war
with Great Britain, and yet we were not
fighting the people of Great Britain so
much as the German King of Great
Britain, George the III. Most of the
people of England were in sympathy
with the things that we were fighting
for and many of the men would not en-
list against the American Colonists. At
times King George hired German
troops to come over and fight against
the colonies.

FOR more than 100 years we have
joined the British possessions,
Canada, for 3000 miles from ocean to
ocean, and have not had a fort nor a
company of men to guard our border
at any point for more than 100 years
and have had no trouble that could not
be settled by arbitration. Now we are
joined with Great Britain, fighting to
make such peace possible throughout
the world.

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twenty-five cents and get the Bulletin
for yourself.

The Superintendent recently had the
privilege of visiting the Clayton church
of which Rev. F. L. Enslow is pastor.
Mr. Enslow is quite well known in Illi-
nois, and within two or three years has
united with the Baptists. He has been

pastor at Clayton less than one year. The church and people of the community and of the Quincy association, are well pleased with him and his wife in their work. The church has taken on new life, about twenty-five persons have been received into membership of the church and they are talking of building a new parsonage.

Sunday night was given to Timewell, a strong village and country church. Rev. J. L. Livingston of Mt. Sterling is giving Timewell one-half time service. This church is able to build a parsonage and support a pastor for full time. We hope they will soon do that.

THE SANDWICH CHURCH

This church had been for perhaps fifty years or more one of the prominent churches of the Aurora Association. It reported this year 198 members; is located in a good town and in the midst of a rich farming community. It has a good meeting house, remodeled nineteen years ago, and now needs some repairs. It has a good parsonage, and has only a small debt, \$400 or \$500. About a year and a half ago Rev. Hal E. Norton became pastor. Within the past few weeks this church has affiliated with the Presbyterian church. On the first Sunday in June they closed up the Baptist Church and went to the Presbyterian house, and Mr. Norton, who was called for the present pastor of the united church, left the Baptist parsonage and located in the Presbyterian manse. The Presbyterian property will remain in the hands of the Presbyterian Church, and it is suggested in the articles of agreement that the Baptists sell their meeting house and parsonage and put the

money into the hands of the Presbyterian trustees to use without interest as long as the affiliation lasts; if they separate, the money to be returned to the Baptists. Dissolution is made almost impossible. It must be by a two-thirds majority and notice given at the annual meeting in January, and dissolution cannot take place except at the close of the ministerial year. The pastorates must alternate between Baptist and Presbyterian. The pastor must make the following pledge before becoming permanently located:

"He shall publicly pledge himself at the beginning of the pastorate, to silence, both public and private, on the subject of baptism." What kind of a Baptist preacher would be willing to make that kind of a pledge? Would he also refrain from reading scriptural passages that refer to and teach the ordinance of baptism?

The government of the church is to be practically Presbyterian. The church has one business meeting a year, not to transact business, but to hear a report of the business transacted by the "committee" or "designated Board of Directors."

The reasons given for the surrender on the part of the Baptists are:

1. Some of the Baptists do not contribute.
2. Only \$18.75 per week was paid into current expenses.
3. The building needs some repairs.
4. There is \$400 or \$500 in debts.

It seems to this writer that there are at least 800 churches in Illinois, possibly 900, that could give stronger reasons for uniting with some other denomination than the Sandwich Church can give. The denomination in the association or the state knew nothing

of the plans to surrender this important Baptist field until the business had been transacted, the articles signed and the Baptists ready to go to the Presbyterian church. The vote was not unanimous, and if those who were not in favor of it had continued as the Baptist Church they could have held the property, even though they were in the minority. If the articles of agreement mean anything, the Presbyterians have suddenly made great gains in Sandwich.

OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Rev. Guy C. Lamson, D. D., Secretary of the Publication Society, says "The Social Service Department of the Society desires to do something very quickly and in a very definite way for all our Baptist boys who are now in training in camps or who may later be called." He desires each pastor or some member of the church to send him the name and address of each young man who has gone from a Baptist Church or a Baptist family into the army or training camps. Address him, Rev. Guy C. Lamson, D. D., Roger Williams Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. E. M. Salter, who supplies the church at Hinckley, seems to be encouraged in the work. Prayer meetings and Sunday School are good.

Rev. D. C. Blunt has closed his work with the Wood River Church and it is reported that he will locate in Indiana. He has been pastor at Wood River for only nine months.

Rev. A. C. Hodgson, Pastor at Bethany Church, Peoria, is pushing his work with zeal and energy. He not only carries on the work there, but

does much work in the association outside of Peoria.

Rev. Chas. W. Wolfe, our missionary at Glasford and LaMarsh, reports some encouraging things. The outlook at LaMarsh is very hopeful and large congregations meet. The work is slowly coming up at Glasford. They have just painted the parsonage, the pastor doing the work. One of his sons is in Chicago for medical treatment.

Evangelist Frank L. Church, closed a splendid meeting in the Second Church of Mt. Vernon, and went from there to East St. Louis. The meeting in East St. Louis has been very good, and the pastor, Rev. V. Colbert, wants the evangelist to continue longer. Brother Church seems to have good success in whatever part of the state he holds meetings. On June 27th, it was reported that thirty-one persons had signed cards and seventeen had asked for church membership, and the meetings were going on with good interest.

Pastor Joseph E. Billman of the Galilee Church in Chicago, writes a letter of great appreciation of the meeting Evangelist Church held for that church some time ago. He says, "The sermons preached were remarkable. Great messages in every sermon meant much to the people of this community. Our children's meetings were another strong feature of the campaign."

Evangelist F. M. Dunk conducted a three weeks' meeting at Deer Creek. There did not seem to be much results by way of conversions, but the pastor, Rev. W. A. Dalton, wrote the following words, "Allow me in behalf of my congregation to express our sincerest appreciation of the work done in our midst by Brother Dunk.

He is safe in his methods and powerful in his message. We received great spiritual uplift by his series of meetings."

Rev. F. A. Kelly, after about nine months' work at Oglesby, closed his work there and accepted a call to the Western Avenue Baptist Church in Danville. While at Oglesby they remodeled the auditorium at a cost of about \$600 and made a very great improvement upon it.

A member of the Second Church of Mt. Vernon writes a letter concerning Evangelist Church's meeting. Among other things, she says, "We are more than pleased with Brother Church. He is certainly a great man and a great evangelist. He has a full house to greet him at every service, and he is certainly stirring up the south side of the city."

Rev. L. B. Trites organized a B. Y. P. U. at Grape Creek Sunday evening, June 10th.

CHURCHES

The Alton Church of which Rev. M. W. Twing is pastor, has received forty-five members since January 1st, twenty-four of them by baptism.

The Providence Church in the Rock Island Association of which Rev. W. A. Phipps is pastor, is very much encouraged. Evangelist R. S. Kirkland, held a meeting there from May 27 to June 17th. Fifty-three made a profession of faith, and thirty-five were received into the Baptist Church, twenty-nine by baptism.

The colored Baptist church in Galesburg has one of the finest lots in the city. It faces on Knox College campus. They have raised \$5,000 for repairing the meeting house, and the

corner stone was laid June 24. The white Baptists of Galesburg are aiding them very much.

Rev. A. E. Powell in sending in thirty subscriptions for the Bulletin from Mason City, speaks hopefully of the work in his church. The pastor and people seem to appreciate each other at Mason City.

The Second Church in Mt. Vernon, has called Rev. E. J. Urch of the University of Chicago as a supply for the summer and possibly as a permanent pastor.

Rev. G. W. Woolsey, pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Danville, baptized seven June 17th, and is said to be doing a fine work in that part of the city.

The Pontiac Church, in order to give expression of its loyalty in these war times, purchased a liberty bond. Rev. Edward Benden is the pastor.

The East Park Church, Decatur, of which Rev. J. H. Cozad is pastor, is having success. The pastor held a two and a half weeks' meeting in May, resulting in forty-eight additions to the church, mostly adults.

The North Shore Church, Chicago, of which Rev. J. S. Ebersole is pastor, has increased in twelve years as follows: Sunday School from 70 to 315; church membership from 140 to 415; benevolence from \$300 to \$3,217.

Evangelist R. S. Kirkland held a two weeks' meeting with the Antioch Church in the Rock Island Association, following the re-dedication. The attendance was good and fifteen were received for baptism.

About forty people in Geneseo gave a pleasant surprise to Rev. G. B. Hopkins and his wife before they left that

place to take the pastorate of the Damascus Church. They came with well-filled baskets. They presented them with a beautiful hand painted china sugar and cream set.

Rev. L. E. Riley of Tremont held a special meeting, the pastor doing the preaching, assisted by Rev. Daniel Thomas and wife of the Salvation Army. A report at the time of the meeting indicated good work.

Rev. F. G. Webber, pastor at Troy, writes, "My first year at Shurtleff has been a delightful experience." The Troy Church seems to be doing well under the supply work of Brother Webber. The missionary spirit has greatly increased.

Rev. A. B. Mercer has been pastor of the Kankakee Church for one and a half years. There have been 181 additions to the church during that time and more than nine-tenths of them adults, of more than sixteen years of age, about one-half of them married people. Prayer meetings for a year have had an attendance of about 100, Sunday school 300. They have a fine chorus choir of from thirty to forty voices.

The Olivet Colored Church is located at 27th & Dearborn Streets, Chicago. After the death of Dr. Fisher, they called Rev. L. K. Williams about one year ago. Since becoming pastor, he has received into the church 2,460 members, 378 of them by baptism, and the church now has a membership of 5,100.

The Apportionment Committee has done its work and the apportionments have been sent to the pastors and clerks of the churches. Rev. B. E. Allen has been secretary of the commit-

tee for three years. This is an immense job for the secretary, and Brother Allen has done it efficiently. In his quiet country home, ten miles from a railroad station, he and his wife have done this secretarial work to the satisfaction of the denomination. He has donated work and time worth several hundred dollars.

The Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago has recently organized a Foreign Speaking Department, intended for able, consecrated promising young women of foreign birth or parentage, who have completed the grammar grades, but not the high school. Special courses are provided for such persons and every effort made to help them do efficient work. Any who desire such work should correspond with Dr. W. P. Behan, 2969 Vernon Av., Chicago.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR JUNE

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Antioch Church, Bloomfield Ass'n.....	\$ 5.00
*Atwood Church	10.00
Bailey, Mrs. J. M., Freeport, Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
Becker, Frank, Tremont Special Evangelistic Fund	10.00
Belvidere, South Church	20.00
Big Rock Church	39.38
*Buda Church	46.85
Chicago, Englewood Church	35.00
Chicago, Pilgrim Temple Church....	35.00
Chicago, Ravenswood Church.....	10.00
*Chrisman Church	7.30
Collected at Chicago, Galilee Church (F. L. Church) Special E. F.....	33.00
Collected on Mission Fields	18.15
Danville First Church	25.00
Delavan Church	25.00
*Dixon Church	44.00
East Moline B. Y. P. U.....	5.00
East Moline Sunday School.....	5.00
Evans, Mrs. Eunice, deceased, be- quest for State Convention, in- vested funds	9132.23

Evans, Mrs. Eunice, deceased, bequest for use of University Ch.	7305.77
Evanston Church	40.00
Hart, Rev. Jesse E., Buda (5).....	5.00
Hinckley Church	7.00
Home Mission Society (salary and expenses of Dunk and Church)....	132.48
Hopkins Park Church	10.42
Jerseyville Church	23.20
Johnston City, Second Church.....	12.00
*Lincoln Church	45.00
Lovering, Mrs. Rachel, Assumption Special Evangelistic Fund.....	2.50
*Macomb Church	81.00
Morgan, J. H., Buda (4)	5.00
Murphysboro Church	6.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Northern Baptist Convention, (expense of mailing resolutions)	6.75
Oglesby Church	15.00
*Osceola Church	24.00
Ottawa Church	50.00
*Peoria First Church	175.00
Quincy Church	50.00
*Sidell Church	25.00
Scrogin, Mrs. A. J., Lexington.....	5.00
Scrogin, Ruth, Lexington (6).....	5.00
Springfield Association, Strawbridge fund	30.00
Stonington (New) Church	39.40
Supply, M. S. Bryant, in June.....	20.00
Tampico Church	1.00
Tiskilwa Church	14.54
Tonica meeting house rent	19.66
Tonica parsonage rent.....	30.00
*Troy Church	20.00
Woodstock Church and Sunday School	6.56
*York Church	12.00
Total	\$17,770.81

JOHNSON CITY

On May 17th the editor accepted an invitation to preach a sermon on baptism at the Second Baptist Church in Johnston City. This was formerly a Free Baptist Church. It was organized twelve years ago. It now has a good, large brick meeting house with only \$3,000 debt. The membership has increased until it now numbers 400. There were 181 in the Sunday School and but very few older persons there. After the school closed most of the children went home and the house filled with older people. The choir and

orchestra were fine, and the singing splendid. The writer preached three times. At two o'clock he preached on the Ordinances of the Church, and a little after three o'clock it was estimated that there were fully 3,000 people gathered on three sides of the little lake, where Pastor J. H. Bagwill baptized sixty converts in just thirty minutes. At first fifteen young men stood in the water together and all remained until they were all baptized. Then eight or ten young women; after that married men and their wives and some children came into the water in groups and were beautifully baptized. There were thirty-two others awaiting baptism who were not baptized at that time.

Sunday night, after the sermon on Christian Growth and Development, the hand of fellowship was given to a company that reached down both aisles and across the rear of the church. Brother Bagwill has been pastor of that church since last September and has taken about 150 members into the church. The Superintendent has not emphasized Baptist teaching more on one Sunday in many years than on that occasion, and the people seemed to appreciate it as much as any congregation he has ever addressed. We are greatly encouraged with the work of some of the former Free Baptist churches of Southern Illinois. We wish we had more time to help them in their work.

DEATHS

Mrs. B. C. Duke of the Rozetta Church, died May 26th. Her pastor writes "She lived a faithful, consistent life in this church for twenty-five years."

Time and Place of the Local Associational Meetings in Illinois.

Association	Place	Time
		June
*Rock River.....	Rockford, State St. Church.....	5
Chicago.....	Chicago, Western Ave., Church.....	7
Rock Island.....	Cambridge.....	12
Ottawa.....	Buda.....	20
Aurora.....	Sandwich.....	26
		August
Bay Creek.....	Nebo.....	8
Clear Creek.....	Shiloh Church.....	11
Louisville.....	Jackson Township Church.....	16
Sandy Creek.....	White Hall, Tabernacle Church.....	21
Apple Creek.....	Unity Church.....	24
Salem.....	Bethel Church.....	28
Greene-Jersey Co.....	Kane.....	29
Macoupin County.....	Mt. Zion Church.....	29
Salem South.....	Belle Rive Church.....	30
Big Saline.....	Eddyville.....	31
Shelby.....	Eller Church.....	31
		September
Central Illinois.....	Mt. Olive Church.....	4
Franklin.....	Mt. Pleasant Church.....	7
Rehoboth.....	Liberty Church.....	7
B'oomington.....	Cornell.....	11
Bloomfield.....	Paris.....	12
Kaskaskia.....	Smiths Grove Church.....	12
Antioch.....	New Liberty Church.....	14
Quincy.....	Clayton.....	18
Mt. Erie.....	Wayne City.....	19
Peoria.....	Monmouth.....	19
Mattoon.....	Mt. Zion Church.....	20
Union.....	Simpson Church.....	20
Nine Mile.....	Du Quoin.....	25
Alton.....	Litchfield.....	26
Southern Illinois.....	Ava.....	26
		October
Morgan Scott Co.....	Waverly.....	3
Springfield.....	Decatur, First Church.....	3
Palestine.....	Liberty Church.....	5
Saline County.....	Gholson Grove Church.....	5
Olney.....	Sailor Springs.....	9
Fairfield.....	Fairfield.....	12
Williamson.....	Crab Orchard Church.....	19
Ill. Baptist State Con.....	Moline.....	October 15-18
*Rock River and Dixon Associations have combined and are now called Rock River Association.		
Negro Associations		
East Mt. Olive.....	Shawneetown.....	August 7
Bethlehem.....	Evanston, Second Church.....	August 7
North Wood River.....	Chicago, Friendship Church.....	August 16
Mt. Olive.....	Union Hill.....	Sept 18
Wood River.....	Bloomington, Mt. Pisgah Ch.,	Sept. 27
Negro State Convention.....	Paris.....	June 13-16

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. L. S. Shumaker, who has been pastor at Paris for about six years, and has done very successful work there, has accepted a call to the church in Iowa City, Iowa. This is the seat of the State University of Iowa. Brother

Shumaker's son has been ready for college for a year, and this location will suit them well. We regret to have Brother Shumaker leave the state.

Rev. G. W. Claxon closed a six years and two months' pastorate at Barry to accept a call to the Roseville

Church. Brother Claxon and his wife were highly appreciated, not only in the Barry Church but in the whole association. A layman from Barry writes a letter of very strong appreciation of the work of Brother Claxon and his wife during their six years' stay on that field. The Roseville Church will make him a fine field for work.

Rev. Samuel Hoekstra, for several years pastor at Utica, has accepted a call and located at Fairfield. He expresses himself as well pleased with this Southern Illinois field and is hopeful for the future of that church.

The LaGrange Church has called Rev. P. G. Van Zant, for six years pastor at Fond-du-lac, Wis. He began July 2.

Rev. J. G. Little, after five years of very successful work at Havana, has offered his resignation. The church may protest very strongly against his going. We believe Brother Little ought to remain there if it seems wise to him to reconsider.

Rev. Boston Oldham, who has been pastor at Morrisonville for several years, has closed his work. He is now available for supply work. Any church desiring a supply for one or more Sundays may correspond with him.

Rev. I. C. Oranger, who has been the very successful pastor at Minonk for five or six years, has accepted a call of the First Baptist Church of Rock Island. He will locate in Rock Island about August 1st. The church has a membership of 348, and Edgewood Church a membership of 51, and there are about 25,000 people to work among.

ORDINATIONS

Frederick Webber was ordained at Troy, June 27th. Rev. J. H. Martin

of Greenville was chosen moderator of the council, and R. A. Blair, clerk. Dr. Twing of Alton preached the sermon. It is reported that the candidate passed a satisfactory examination.

A council was called by the First Church in Peoria on June 27th to consider the ordination of H. G. Smith. Brother Smith is a Peoria boy, took the full college course at Shurtleff College, and the three year course at Rochester. He is planning to take a year of post graduate work before settling in the pastorate. His pastor, Rev. Joseph Hazen, was chosen moderator, and Rev. Chas. C. Colby of Toulon, clerk. After the examination it was unanimously voted to ordain him. Rev. W. H. Geistweit, D.D., of St. Louis, preached the sermon.

The ordination of Rev. Mr. Wallin, pastor of the Wilton Center Church, was held in the First Baptist Church of Joliet, June 11th. Supt. E. P. Brand was moderator, and Rev. Henry Clay Miller, clerk. Brother Wallin recently came from the Presbyterians to the Baptists. The Wilton Center people seem to appreciate him very much.

A council was called to meet at Easton, June 29th, to examine W. S. Sutton, whom they had called as pastor. Brother Sutton was brought up near Easton and graduated at Shurtleff College and Rochester Seminary. He had supplied Easton Church two summers during his course. Supt. E. P. Brand was chosen moderator and Rev. J. G. Little, clerk. The council voted unanimously to ordain him. Dr. N. T. Hafer preached the sermon. There was a large local attendance at the ordination.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

The Rock River and Dixon Associations held their first joint meeting at the State Street Church in Rockford, June 5th and 6th. The associations voted last year to combine their churches into one association, and as Rock River drains the territory of both associations, the new association took that name. The members from the churches of the Dixon Association voted unanimously for this name. The association was well attended and the interest good throughout the meeting. Evangelistic work seems difficult in that extreme northern part of the state. The twenty-five churches of the combined association reported 135 baptisms and 102 of these were reported from five churches. Ten churches reported no baptisms at all. The missionary reports were good, many of the churches in the association making their entire apportionment.

The Rock Island Association met in Cambridge, June 12th. The session was fairly well attended and the interest good. Fifteen of the churches reported seventy-two baptisms; four churches had not reported when this report was made. Last year the churches reported 124 baptisms, but seventy-two of them were reported from one church and that church had not reported this year, so the spiritual condition of the churches seemed about the same as the year before. Plenty of time was given to the Superintendent for the discussion of state missions and other Convention work. The roads were not good for the driving of automobiles, and we cannot have a large attendance at most of our local associations if it is bad automobile weather.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois

MRS. A. W. RUNYON

Editor and Field Secretary
5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

The Home now has 35 members who occupy the two cottages and the Aunt Lizzie Aiken Memorial—the first section of the permanent building. The results achieved since the organization of the Home, 8 years ago, are remarkable when taken into account, the quiet way in which it has been accomplished. A more general co-operation is needed if we are to adequately meet the demand for this ministry by enlarging our building and endowment, and Baptist people wishing to do a permanent and beautiful service cannot do better than remember the Home in their wills—or take an Annuity Bond and receive interest on the amount during lifetime.

In this time of high-cost of living, National suspense and anxiety—living expenses have almost doubled, and we should think seriously and give generously to our own charities.

We have learned on our board the summing up power of many littles—hence if you cannot do the large things, any sum however small will be received with due appreciation.

Plan ahead—set aside a certain amount of vegetables or canned fruit.—collect and send in before freezing weather.

The Board of Directors have recently arranged for more than one column in our various State denominational papers and by watching these you will know, more fully than heretofore, the plans, conditions and needs of the Home—as well as what is being done for it.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

Every woman, young and old, who can do so, should attend the Assembly to be held at Quiver Lake in July. It is a chance for a summer outing, and is conveniently located for those living in the central and southern part of the state. Women's interests will be given considerable time by good instructors. Dr. Etta R. Hilton will lead in the Foreign study book—"An African Trail"—and Miss Lyde Jenkins will present the Home study book, "Missionary Mile Stones." Plan to go.

On June 1st a very helpful meeting of the State Board was held at the Training School with a large number present. It was gratifying to have several members with us who live quite a distance from Chicago.

From letters received, it is evident that missionary interest is increasing rapidly throughout the state. Ways and means for reaching a larger number of women so as to be helpful to them were discussed and one important factor necessary to do this is a larger expense fund. Only 60 circles have responded by sending the small contribution asked from them. Has your circle replied to the request for one cent from each woman member of your church—two cents would be better—if not, will you send to the treasurer at once?

Deep sympathy was expressed for our first Vice-President, Mrs. C. M. Church of Belvidere, whose husband,

Cassius M. Church, after months of weary suffering, has gone to his Heavenly Home. The following resolution was adopted:

The triumph of Christian faith is best expressed in humble acceptance of the will of God in all things. It is with this thought in mind that we record the death of Mr. C. M. Church on April 16th.

We, therefore, Resolve, That we express to our sister, Mrs. Church our loving sympathy in her hour of bereavement.

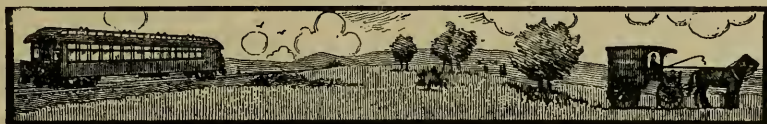
The Circle of the First Church, Decatur, celebrated on June 1st the 40th anniversary of its organization. It is one of the oldest societies in the state and was organized by Dr. Anna + Scott as a foreign society and remained such until a few years ago when it was reorganized a Union Society.

We are glad to report the organization of a new Circle at Carterville.

Mrs. L. A. Miller of Galva, President of Peoria Association, is in deep sorrow, because of the death of her little son. While all true hearts sympathize with her, those who have passed through the same sorrow feel that it comes home very closely.

"The Pageant of World Wide Missions," arranged by Mrs. George Potter of Upper Alton, and presented at the State meeting last October is now for sale—price ten cents—order from 706 Douglas Ave., Elgin, Ill.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,
117 North Monroe St., Decatur.

I was not able to do as much field work as usual during May on account of attending the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention. In reporting Standard Schools and Societies, Illinois made a gain by taking third place in B. Y. P. U. honors and made a gain of ten Standard Schools more than reported last year.

Now is the time for schools to lay plans to qualify as Standard for next year. I will be pleased to hear from all schools who will make the effort.

We are making a special effort to arouse interest in our new Teacher Training Course. This is a great improvement on all previous courses offered. The first year consists of four units of ten lessons each on: (1) The Pupil, (2) The Teacher, (3) A Teacher's Study of the Life of Christ, (4) The School. Price of the books is twenty cents each, or two dollars per dozen. Examinations may be taken at the end of each unit of ten lessons.

Our new Editor in Chief Dr. W. Edward Raffety is making a number of changes in our plan of Sunday School periodicals which we believe will meet with general favor. A course of Improved Uniform Lessons is soon to be offered. Full announcements will be made later. Dr. Raffety was born and raised in Illinois and our state has reason to be proud of the fact.

At the next meeting of our State Convention, we will ask for the organization of a Sunday School and Young People's Department as we believe a higher degree of efficiency will be secured through this means.

The Associational meetings began last month. We hope that each Association will work for these following points:

(1) An efficient committee on Sunday School and Young People's work.

(2) A Training Institute to be held in the Association during the year, and devoted, exclusively to the interest of these two phases of work.

(3) A director of Sunday School and Young People's work in each Association who will co-operate heartily with other workers in the adoption and attainment of our Standards adopted by the Northern Baptist Convention and report progress to the State Director.

(4) An Elementary Grade Superintendent to co-operate with our State Elementary Director. Also, a Junior Leader to promote the organization of Junior Societies in each church in the Association.

The Societies of Alton held a rally in the early part of May which was well attended and promises to develop a stronger co-operation among the young people.

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The Detroit Convention will be a thing of the past by the time the July number of the Bulletin reaches the hands of our readers. We trust that our people are praying for a great blessing upon those who attend and upon the work of our Union. We are praying that God's spirit may again become as manifest as it was at the Toledo Convention, and that all the Illinois delegation may return to their homes as fully filled with the Holy Spirit as those who were at Toledo. Then the great hope of our State President, Brother Johnson, would surely be fulfilled, and "things would happen" during the coming fall and winter.

Our President is planning a great "Standard of Excellence drive" for next winter.

"More Standard Unions than ever before" is our Slogan. He earnestly asks the cooperation of every pastor and church in our state. A Standard Union helps its church in its efforts to attain the "Five year program,"—the greatest effort of any denomination existing. A strong, aggressive B. Y. P. U. helps to make a church the same way. Now is the time to start plans for the Standard Campaign.

The great Detroit meeting program, is centered upon the thought of "One

Master, one Message, one Mission" and some of the brightest and most forceful men in our denomination are among the speakers. More time than ever will be devoted to Conferences. Trained workers will lead these Conferences, men and women who are giving their best thought, endeavoring to solve the difficult problems that confront every Union.

This should work for greater efficiency in our work. Ask your delegate to give a good report on these Conferences—they will contain the "Kernel" of the Convention.

Don't forget the Summer Assembly at Havana. Scores of young people are unable to attend the International meeting, but with a little planning they could take their summer outing at our Assembly. They could not spend their "Vacation" in a better manner, with both pleasure and profit for themselves. All the convenience of a "Summer resort" to which are added a program, studies in the Bible, Missions, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. methods, that cannot fail to be helpful. Our Assembly has been growing in numbers each year, and on account of the unusual condition of our country, let us pray that it may have a larger place than ever in our thoughts and in attendance.

JNO. R. RUTHVEN.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Maywood, Ill., June 29, 1917.

During the months of May and June matters have moved along in the usual way. Quite a number of children have gone out but their places have been taken by others.

Two infant girls and one nine year old girl, one infant boy and two boys twelve years old have recently been placed in private homes for adoption.

The Home is full beyond the limit of its capacity and some parties are on the waiting list. It keeps us moving these times to supply the needs of the boys and girls. Our boys and girls are healthy and blessed with a coming appetite.

We made a special call in June for subscriptions for our Receiving Cottage and have had some response but the finances are far too short of what we ought to have. We need eleven one hundred dollar pledges to make secure the balance of the twenty individual pledges. Besides this we must have one hundred pledges of thirty dollars each in order to keep the work of construction moving. The excavating is done and the masons are hard at work building the foundation. Thirty-five dollars is a share. How many will take a share?

Mr. H. E. Goodman, Vice-President of our Board has extended his subscription five hundred dollars more making the total amount of his subscription seven hundred dollars.

A call has been made on the Sunday Schools in our territory for a Fourth of July offering. We need a generous response to meet our present needs.

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

The number of children in the orphanage remains near the sixty mark. The number of applications we must refuse to help constantly increases.

The effort to improve conditions and appearances advances slowly on account of unfavorable weather. Between down-pours we have succeeded in putting on two coats of white paint on the main building.

Other improvements are waiting until we are through planting, it being impossible to apply a force on the work of building and remodeling until we have our crops growing. We have been gathering together some of the material needed and will push improvements at the earliest possible moment. In the meantime we are hoping for an increase of our improvement funds. About \$3,000.00 is the limit of pledges already secured. The resignation of Mr. Klotzsche made it imperative for the superintendent to remain constantly at the institution.

Had it not been for the coming of Mr. W. F. Abston and his wife, about the time of the departure of Mr. Klotzsche we would have been in distressingly exacting conditions.

The matron is back at her tasks so far as her wounded hand will permit. While she was away the chief part of the domestic burden fell upon Mrs. Grace Grimm, a mother who is here with her four children. When she came she needed our help, but the tables have been turned. We would not know what to do without her faithful and efficient services.

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The Summer Assembly



The Assembly met at Quiver Lake near Havana, July 15-22. This is the third year that the Assembly has been held in that place. The attendance was not quite so large as formerly, but the interest was better. The music, led by Rev. G. W. Kimball, of Cornell, was excellent. He had a large choir and led them well. The Shurtleff College male quartette was present again this year and did fine work. The speakers and teachers who came did good and appreciative work all through. Dr. Lamkin of Cairo preached twice the first Sunday and led the devotional service Monday morning and preached a patriotic sermon Monday night. Dr. M. P. Boynton of Chicago, Rev. LeRoy Dakin of Logansport, Indiana, Rev. S. P. Roberts, Sunday School Director in Indiana, did very fine teaching, and their classes were well attended. Rev. W. B. Morris was present all the time and did good work. Miss Ruth Tapping of New York City led the general course in missionary education. Miss Lyde Jenkins of Ohio, of the Woman's Home Mission Society, conducted a class in Women's Home Mission study, and Dr. Etta R. Hilton of Chicago conducted a Women's Foreign Mission study class. These women were all able teachers. Dr. Hafer gave a good

paper on Roger Williams and Religious and Political Liberty. One great disappointment of the Assembly was the failure of Dr. Franklin and Dean Shailer Mathews to be present. Pastor C. C. Long of Urbana preached Saturday night and Sunday morning and night, July 21 and 22, in the place of Dean Shailer Mathews. Rev. E. K. Masterson, the business manager, put much time and thought into the Assembly, and he managed the business part well. Everybody appreciated the splendid efforts that Pastor J. G. Little of Havana made during the three annual assemblies in the interest of all who came. There are two great disadvantages at Quiver Lake for such an Assembly: it is in a portion of the state where but few nearby Baptists will take sufficient interest to attend; and the people located in the cottages on the grounds and doing housework, cooking, etc., cannot be kept in close class work for the forenoon. The bathing was especially fine this year and was greatly enjoyed by nearly all who attended. The committee voted to discontinue the Assembly at this place and to ask the trustees of Shurtleff College for the use of the campus and buildings for the Assembly next year.

STATE CONVENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY—SEPTEMBER 23rd

The secretaries and superintendents in all the states of the Union, North and South, have asked the Sunday schools to observe the fourth Sunday in September as State Mission Day. A splendid program has been provided and has been sent free to each pastor in the state and to Sunday School Superintendents where there is no pastor. The same program is provided for both Northern and Southern States. We hope the pastors will not throw these packages in the waste basket before examining them. I feel sure that any pastor who will carefully examine these programs and literature, will be anxious to have the school take up the work. No missionary society has done as much for the Sunday Schools as the state conventions, and yet, this is the first time that the conventions have asked the Sunday Schools to give one hour to the study of State Convention work. We hope that Illinois will not fall behind other states in the observance of this day. The literature and programs were sent during the first ten days in August.

FARMERSVILLE CHURCH

On the second Sunday in June was a real Red Letter Day for our church, being the annual roll call of the church, and after a sermon by the pastor at 11 a.m. all went to the basement of the church where the ladies had prepared a bountiful dinner.

After a social hour the church met and proceeded to the calling of the roll of membership. There were about 58 per cent of the members responded to their names, and all debts reported paid in full. Then the trustees came to the platform and in the presence of the

entire congregation burned all evidence of any indebtedness of the church.

Zenobia church is moving along advancing lines in all departments of the work, and with Farmersville makes a large field where the pastor finds plenty to do for the Master. There have been thirteen received by baptism and three by letter on the field the last year.

W. F. Thompson, Pastor.

DEATHS

Rev. L. B. McKinley, who located as pastor of the Sidell Church the first of last November, died in a hospital in Danville July 20th. He had spent fifty years in the ministry in the state of Indiana. One of the members of the Sidell Church writes, "His short stay greatly endeared the membership to him, and his interest in all things pertaining to the community welfare, made him a blessing to the town."

Mrs. Claxon of Mattoon, who was injured in the cyclone that swept over that place in June, died July 9th. She was the mother of the three preacher boys, R. H., of Aurora; G. W., of Roseville, and one in another state, besides eight other living children, all of whom attended the funeral. One son writes, "A dear mother, a sweet Christian, a noble woman was she. Her eleven children were at her bedside the past ten days."

Rev. R. M. Scott, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Hoopeston, died Monday afternoon, July 23rd, after an illness of six weeks. He had been for a few years pastor of the First Church in Hoopeston. He was brought up in Scotland and began his work in the ministry in America possibly ten years ago.

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ELSEWHERE in this issue of the Bulletin is a reference to the State Convention Sunday School Hour, September 23rd.

WE hope that each pastor and Sunday School superintendent who gets these splendid programs, will begin studying them at once and frequently call the attention of the school to them.

EVERY state in the Union has planned to use this State Convention program on the fourth Sunday in September.

ILLINOIS, one of our greatest states, one of the most aggressive, cannot afford to fall down on this State Convention day.

THE time is so short, only a few weeks now, that attention must be given to it at once. The beautiful red prospectus and the large red letters can be used in a very attractive way.

THESE programs are sent to all the schools and they are requested to use them whether they help pay for them or not; but it has cost a good deal to print them and send them out, and we hope that an offering will be taken at the close of the lesson and sent in. If it amounts to more than the expense,

the surplus will go into the state mission fund.

NEVER before in Illinois have we asked the Sunday schools to give their attention for one Sunday to State Convention work. It is not unreasonable to expect the schools all over the state to fall into line for that one Sunday.

LET readers of these notes ask their pastor or superintendent if they have received copies of the programs for State Convention Sunday School Day, September 23rd.

Rev. W. J. Sparks writes, "Our well-to-do farmers are beginning to learn to give. They are noble fellows, and only need to see their duty, and then they are willing to respond."

PERSONALS

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. S. D. McKenny of Alton by Shurtleff College at the commencement in June.

The title of Doctor of Laws was conferred by Shurtleff College upon Prof. Victor Duke, President of Redlands University, California.

Rev. Harvey F. Gilbert was an Illinois boy. He graduated at Shurtleff College and Rochester Seminary. He married the daughter of Rev. Mr. Moon, a former pastor in Illinois. They went to Africa as missionaries three years ago. They have recently returned and are stopping in Chicago. Mrs. Gilbert's health is such that it is doubtful if they can return to Africa. Brother Gilbert would consider a pastorate and we hope some desirable field will open up for him in Illinois.

Rev. J. L. Meads of Benton has been appointed by Governor Lowden on the State Exemption Board of Franklin County. Brother Meads' church is now clearing off its \$1,600 indebtedness.

Rev. John Howard and wife send an interesting circular letter from Contai, Bengal, India. They seem to be in good health and are enthusiastic in their work. This letter gives an interesting account of a missionary trip some distance from their station.

Rev. Fred Comber of Southern Illinois is spending a few months at Bryan, Texas. He is building a \$10,000 meeting house which he hopes to have ready for dedication in about two months.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

There seems to be a great need today of some practical suggestions in Christian and church life. The one to be treated in this issue is the matter of entering into the church. In many places it seems difficult to get people to be baptized and to join the church. And it is equally difficult, or more so, to get them to live right after they join the church. One of the fundamental principles of a Baptist church is a regenerated church membership. It is to be feared there is not sufficient emphasis today laid upon the doctrine of a regenerated church membership. Many pastors and evangelists seem to work for members rather than regeneration, and but little effort is made in many places to help the candidate to understand clearly what it is to "be born again" or "born from above." This is one reason why it seems difficult to get people to join the church. If a person is truly regenerated, one of the first questions he

will ask is, "Lord what wilt thou have me do" and God answers plainly through His word, that he should be baptized as a first duty and then be taught all things He has commanded.

The Chicago Association met with the Western Avenue Church June 7th and 8th. This great body does not meet in the forenoon, only in the afternoon and night, with a banquet both evenings, at which addresses are made. This association reports ninety-two churches and about 26,500 members, and there are possibly 15,000 Baptists in the territory of this association not affiliated with it. Its territory not only takes in Chicago, with 2,500,000 people, but extends north along the lake to Wisconsin, south about seventy miles, and forty or fifty miles west. The meeting this year filled the large auditorium at Western Avenue Church and the interest was good. Chicago can crowd more business and associational work into four sessions than perhaps any association in the Northern Baptist Convention, and the work seems to be well done. The churches reported 1,174 baptisms. Last year they reported 1,417. We do not yet know the exact net gain in membership. Dr. M. P. Boynton was moderator and filled the position well. The reports of missionary money raised were good, something beyond that of other years, but not a large gain. Rev. N. B. Henderson, Pastor of the Irving Park Church, read the report on State of Religion in the Churches. No member of the committee except himself had signed the report. The report was all right, but he combined with it an address in which he took the position of open communion, open membership,

and the public consecration of infants. It seemed a long period before anyone would make a motion to receive the report. When such a motion was made it was promptly moved to lay the report on the table. It was then referred back to the committee to report next day. Two members of the committee were present, Rev. J. S. Ebersole and Dr. Etta R. Hilton. They disagreed with Mr. Henderson and two reports were brought in. Mr. Henderson's report was rejected and the report of the other two members adopted, and the association requested that all reports in the future be signed by the committee, and not be presented by one member. The Chicago Association is very far from the position of adopting these unbaptistic and revolutionary propositions suggested by Pastor Henderson.

The Ottawa Association met with the Buda Church June 20th. President Potter, D. H. MacGillivray, W. B. Morris and the Superintendent of the State Convention were present, and the women's societies were represented, but the Home Mission Society, Foreign Mission Society, Publication Society and Old People's Home had no representatives. As the time of this association was changed from September to June to accommodate the missionary secretaries and as none of the great societies were represented, and as June is the month for plowing corn when farmers cannot well attend, there was strong talk of changing back to September, but the association voted to make one more effort in June. The churches reported 138 baptisms as against 114 the year before. 126 of the baptisms were reported from five churches, and only twelve baptisms

from the other thirteen churches. The gifts to missions seem to have been kept up to about the same as in former years; perhaps some increase.

The Aurora Association met at Sandwich, June 26th. The attendance was not large. Some of the pastors were not there during the three sessions attended by the editor. The churches reported about sixty-seven baptisms. Possibly there were a few more. Sunday school work was given good attention one afternoon. Dr. T. G. Soares of the University of Chicago was given one entire evening for an address on "The Meaning of Religious Education" and he gave an address for one hour, which was very good. Henry Clay Miller of Aurora led the devotional sessions and he did it well. The writer did not hear either of the sermons. Dr. J. Stanley Brown of Joliet was the moderator. The last part of the Association was given to women's work and young people's interests.

THE WAR

Every indication seems to show that we are in the war for a considerable period of time. Our government is making preparations on a scale that would justify a three or five year war. When the four and a half years of the Rebellion ended our government was in debt \$2,500,000,000. But indications are that by the first of next July this government will have expended \$10,000,000,000 in this world war. Almost \$1,000,000,000 has been voted by Congress for aviation. It was only a few years ago that the Wright brothers in Ohio discovered how to navigate in the air. Now possibly this great world war will be won by the nation that can

do the most effective fighting in the air. If Russia can form a government strong enough to control the people and keep her armies loyal, the war could possibly be brought to a close in a short time, but if the Russian power breaks down it may take years for the Allies to subdue the Central Powers. But however long it may take, and at whatever sacrifice of men and property and money, the Prussian power must be overcome and the supposedly divine power of the Kaiser crushed, or the civilization of the world will be set back for centuries. The moral standards, as advanced and carried out by the German nation in this war, are such that any advanced civilized nation can only think with horror of Germany ruling the world. The world is in such a condition now, brought on by the Kaiser and the Prussian autocracy, that either Germany must be completely defeated or she will ultimately dominate the world. The father of Kaiser Wilhelm was a man strongly inclined to peace, but he reigned but a short time before his death. The present kaiser seemed very anxious lest his father should establish a peace sentiment among the German people, but he suddenly died, and the present Kaiser and those associated with him in authority, have for more than a generation, been teaching and training the people in war sentiment and feeling. There can be no question but what one man is very largely responsible for this war, that has cost possibly 5,000,000 of lives, indescribable suffering among millions of people, and the accumulation of debts that will require centuries to pay, and the end is not yet.

VACATION

The editor of the Bulletin is planning for a two weeks vacation beginning Monday, August 6th. He plans to visit his old home in West Virginia. He has many relatives living in three or four counties, and every nook and corner of the old farm is interesting. The old neighborhood has not changed much, but a new generation has grown up since he left that community. He expects to preach in the old church near which he was baptized and where he was licensed to preach and ordained to the ministry. Two weeks will be a short time, but associations will be meeting the latter part of August, and he cannot be out of the state more than fifteen or sixteen days.

GALVA CHURCH

The net results of Rev. W. B. Morris' work with us on decision day was seen on communion Sunday, July 1st, when the pastor gave the hand of fellowship to fourteen, all but one of whom were received by baptism.

The church is grateful to Brother Morris for his excellent service on that day and were especially pleased with his sane and effective method of conducting such a service.

The work is moving smoothly.

Yours fraternally,

O. R. Thomas.

CHURCHES

The First Church of Alton is doing a fine work. They have had baptisms every Sunday evening for eight weeks. Sunday, July 19th, they celebrated the silver wedding anniversary of the pastor, M. W. Twing. Among other pleasant features of the celebration the church presented them with a bag of

silver, amounting to more than \$100. The first church of Alton knows how to treat its pastors well and to retain them on the field for a long time.

An interesting Red Cross meeting was held in the Grape Creek Baptist Church, July 17th. There were a number of speakers there, and the community became very much interested in Red Cross work. Pastor L. B. Trites and his daughter, Caroline, were in attendance and sang a duet.

The Centralia Church will be closed during the month of August, when the trustees are planning to put \$1,000 improvements on the buildings. This church has made up all its missionary apportionments, and the pastor says "It Pays to Tithe."

The New Berlin Church, of which Rev. A. W. Judd is pastor, has made up its full apportionment for missions, with 15 per cent increase. Pastor Judd seems to know well how to educate his people along the lines of missionary giving.

A layman from Petersburg writes, "The Bulletin is all right; more interesting reading for its size than any paper I ever saw. We have no pastor yet. Sunday school is holding up very well."

PASTORAL CHANGES

The Auburn Church has extended a call to Rev. T. B. Marlin, who closed his work at Morrison a few months ago. It is expected that Brother Marlin will accept the call.

The Moweaqua Church, after having been almost a year without a pastor, extended a call to Rev. J. H. Cozad, pastor of the East Park Church, Decatur. Brother Cozad has done a splendid work at Decatur. We hope

he will have equally as great success at Moweaqua.

Rev. W. B. Rutherford, who has done most excellent and successful work at Monmouth for several years, has accepted a call to the pastorate at Waukegan, on Lake Michigan. The Monmouth people regret very much to have him and his wife leave that field. They are anxious to locate a successor soon, and to continue the work. We believe that the Waukegan field will afford a great opportunity for Pastor Rutherford.

Rev. R. E. Bradford, who has been pastor at Danvers for nearly two years, has received a call from the Morrison Church, and has accepted that pastorate. He began work July 15th.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. J. L. Duff recently received two into the Mt. Sterling Church for baptism, and two by letter. He some time ago gave a humorous lecture on Ireland; 500 people were in the opera house. He took in over \$100 and cleared \$84 for the church, which they are using in painting the house.

Rev. C. W. Wolfe and his wife seem to be making some impression upon the difficult field at Glasford, where they live, and are having fine work at LaMarsh, a country field a few miles away. Their son, Clemens, has been very sick during the past six months, and for some time has been in Chicago for treatment. We hope he will recover in the near future.

Rev. Edward Lee Stovall, pastor of the Elvaston and Warsaw churches, sends encouraging reports from those fields. The pastor writes June 28th: "Received two fine sisters by letter from Keokuk, Iowa, at Warsaw. Then

on July 1st, baptized seven fine people. Yes, our little flock of God is growing at Warsaw." The pastor and people are now working to secure a house of worship in the town of Warsaw, and have encouraging prospects for success.

Rev. J. Johnson, pastor at Chillicothe and Pleasant Grove, writes an encouraging letter concerning the work on those fields. He says, "It begins to appear as if the Chillicothe Baptist church is going to be permitted to find her place under the sun. Three were added to the church this quarter. Nine more were received last Sunday, July 1st, who will be reported in the next quarter's report. Besides these, there are six others who have asked me to send for their letters that they may unite with this church." Brother Johnson has organized a Sunday School and established a preaching point in a country district about five miles southwest of Chillicothe. The pastor says that at Pleasant Grove the interest is also deepening.

Rev. V. Colbert writes as follows: "We had a good meeting at Unity, East St. Louis; fifteen baptized, others to receive the ordinance next Sunday. I baptized two at Mt. Vernon last night."

Rev. W. E. Andereck reports extensive improvements on the church property at Bradford. He says, "The church is happy and optimistic, has good live prayer meetings, and good attendance at all services. There are several whom we expect to see coming into the church before long."

ERROR CORRECTED

In the list of associational meetings which we published in the Bulletin last

month, we copied from the wrong issue of the Fairfield Association minutes. We stated in that that the Fairfield Association would meet with the Fairfield church October 12th, which was for last year. The meeting this year will be with the Ellis Mound Church, October 11th.

ORDINATION

A council was called at the Claim Street Baptist Church of Aurora on July 20th, to consider the matter of ordaining its pastor, Thaddeus Stevens. Rev. R. H. Claxon of Aurora was elected moderator, Rev. C. A. Neyman of Joliet, clerk. It is reported that the candidate passed a highly satisfactory examination. Dr. E. W. Lounsbury of Aurora delivered the sermon and Dr. J. Stanley Brown of Joliet gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. C. A. Neyman of Joliet gave the charge to the church, and Rev. Henry Clay Miller of Aurora presented the Bible and Rev. J. D. Crumley of Plainfield offered the ordaining prayer.

A council was called by the Second Church of Mt. Vernon on Monday, July 20th, to consider the matter of ordaining their pastor, Erwin J. Urch. Rev. V. Colbert of Collinsville was moderator, and Deacon H. T. Cunningham of Centralia clerk. The candidate passed a satisfactory examination and was ordained that evening. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. P. Howells of Centralia, charge to the candidate by Rev. V. Colbert, and charge to the church by Rev. Jesse H. Wells of Mt. Vernon, the ordaining prayer by Rev. J. H. Bagwill of Johnston City.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR JULY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Alton First Church	\$57.94
Allison, W. O., Alpha, S. E. F.....	25.00
Allison, Mrs. W. O., Alpha, (4).....	5.00
Arcola Church	35.00
Bryant, Rev. M. S., for supply.....	13.18
Bulletin subscriptions	51.55
*Centralia Church	10.00
Chicago, Austin Church.....	146.91
Chicago, First Church	26.41
Chicago, Galilee Church	12.00
Collected in special evangelism	
F. M. Dunk	90.00
Collected in special evangelism	
F. L. Church	64.94
Collected on mission fields	
H. F. Jones	116.01
*Decatur, East Park Church.....	20.00
Galesburg, First Church	150.00
Gifford Church	32.00
Grigsby, Mrs. W. H., Blandinsville	
S. E. F.	10.00
Home Mission Society, on salary and	
expenses of Dunk, Church, Kelih	208.20
Home Mission Society, for foreign	
work at Joliet	50.00
LaGrange Church	21.50
*Lexington Church	3.00
*Manlius Church	34.00
*McLean Church	5.00
McGuire, J. H., Centralia, S. E. F.	5.00
*New Berlin Church	31.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Oakford, H. L., Clinton, S. E. F.....	5.00
Oak Park, First Church.....	25.00
Palmyra Church	8.75
Paw Paw Church	13.00
Quincy Assn. Missionary Com.....	34.36
Peoria Association Missionary Com-	
mittee	33.56
Publication Society, for advertise-	
ment in Bulletin	4.00
Received on cut	1.75
*Rochelle Church	10.50
Sterling, G. W., Belvidere, S. E. F.	5.00
*Tremont Church and Sunday Sch.	39.00
University Church Fund	437.87
Total	\$1916.43

DEDICATION

The Bois d'Arc meeting house burned down last winter and was completely destroyed. This was formerly a strong country church, but Farmersville and Divernon and Zenobia

churches swarmed from the old Bois d'Arc church and have much weakened it, but it has some good substantial material in that old country church yet. They kept a good insurance on it and collected \$2400 when the house burned. They erected a new building costing just about \$5000. It is not large, but large enough, with a good basement and kitchen with rooms for furnace and coal, under the whole building. It has a good baptistry and dressing rooms and is entirely complete except that the furnace is not yet installed. There was no money to raise at all; \$200 or \$300 will be needed to get the furnace complete, and the trustees said they could raise that, and we only asked for a basket contribution at the dedication service. The house was dedicated Sunday, July 29th. Rev. Harry A. Belton, pastor at Virden, preached the sermon Sunday morning, and the financial statement of the building, etc., was made by Superintendent Brand. In the afternoon Mr. Brand preached the sermon. The dedication prayer was offered by Dr. H. C. Leland, pastor at Divernon, and the presentation of the keys to the trustees was made by Rev. John H. Howard of Litchfield. Mr. Brand then called for short addresses from the older members of the church and some of the preachers present. On Sunday night the sermon was preached by Rev. W. F. Thompson of Farmersville. The house was crowded forenoon and afternoon, and well filled at night. The people brought abundant provisions for all who were present, and a very enjoyable time was had during the noon period. The church has been pastorless during all this building period, but is now planning to locate a man for half time.

CHURCHES

Rev. H. C. Leland, who has been pastor about five months at Divernon, is greatly encouraged with his work. There are 241 enrolled in the Sunday School, and at times there have been as many as 174 present. Dr. and Mrs. Leland seem to like the splendid parsonage there in which they live, and the people, and they are hoping for a good strong work during the coming fall and winter.

The editor spent Sunday morning, July 1, with the Clayton church, of which Rev. F. L. Enslow has been the pastor for a little less than one year. We had a very pleasant visit in the home of Brother Enslow. He and his wife and daughter have a delightful home and it is a pleasure to visit them. He has been pastor of the Elvaston church since last fall, and the work is very encouraging. There have been about twenty-five additions to the church and the Sunday school is in good condition. The church does not have a parsonage, and very much needs one. They are now talking of securing a home for the pastor. The Quincy Association will meet with that church in September.

The editor preached Sunday night for the Timewell Church. This is quite a strong village church with 200 members. Rev. J. L. Duff, pastor at Mt. Sterling, gives half time to Timewell. The Timewell church is abundantly able to build a good parsonage and support a preacher for full time. We hope they will do it soon. Brother Duff seems to be appreciated by his people.

Sunday morning, July 8th, I ran down to Clinton for the purpose of helping the pastor out for one service. Rev. P. H. Aldrich, the pastor, has

been very sick for several weeks, and was not able to sit up at that time. We had a good service in the church and in the Sunday School, although the attendance was not large. We hope that Brother Aldrich will be able to fill his appointments again in the near future.

Sunday morning, July 15th, I spent with the LaMoille church. This is one of our old, well established churches. They have good property and a great deal of wealth in the membership. Rev. P. O. Jensen is the pastor. Two or three years ago the church was persuaded to give up Sunday night services for a union service of the three churches throughout the whole year. They are still keeping this up, although there is a great deal of dissatisfaction with it on the part of many of the Baptists. We believe it was a mistake to start this plan, and a very serious error to keep it going. The Baptist church is thus cut out of all opportunities for doing effective work on Sunday nights for the local church. There seems to be no objection for union meetings for a few Sunday evenings through the hot weather in the summer, but we believe it is a very great mistake on the part of any Baptist church to give up its Sunday night service during the year for the sake of union meetings. Any Baptist church that keeps that up for an indefinite number of years is in danger of becoming so unbaptistic that bye and bye it will cease to exist as a Baptist church.

Rev. P. D. Mangun, formerly pastor at Belleville, Illinois, now of Paris, Missouri, recently raised and paid the \$16,000 debt on their \$36,000 meeting house and lot, and now they propose to raise the pastor's salary.

Rev. U. S. Davis was for about five years pastor of the First Baptist church in Bloomington, Ill. He went from there to Akron, Ohio. The following note from a New York paper will be of interest to those who knew him and his wife in Illinois:

During the five and one-half years that Dr. U. S. Davis has been pastor of the First church, Akron, Ohio, there have been added to the membership by baptism, 141, by letter 336, by experience thirty-two, a total of 509. The additions in the last associational year were eighty-nine, of whom eighteen came by baptism. The net increase was fifty-seven. The present membership is 784, even after the dismissal of 172 to form the Rumanian church.

SONG—"ILLINOIS"

By thy rivers gently flowing, Illinois, Illinois,
O'er the prairie verdant growing, Illinois,
Illinois,
Comes the echo o'er the breeze,
Rustling through the leafy trees;
And its mellow tones are these, Illinois,
Illinois,
And its mellow tones are these, Illinois,
From the wilderness of prairie, Illinois,
Illinois,
Straight thy way and never varies, Illinois,
Illinois,
Till upon the inland sea,
Stands thy great commercial tree;
Turning all the world to thee, Illinois,
Illinois,
Turning all the world to thee, Illinois,
When you heard your country calling, Illinois,
Illinois,
When the shot and shell were falling,
Illinois, Illinois,
When the Southern host withdrew,
Pitting Gray against the Blue,
There were none more brave than you,
Illinois, Illinois,
There were none more brave than you,
Illinois.
Not without thy wondrous story, Illinois,
Illinois,
Can be writ the nation's glory, Illinois,
Illinois,
On the record of thy years
Ab'ram Lincoln's name appears,
Grant and Logan and our tears, Illinois,
Illinois,
Grant and Logan and our tears, Illinois,

A Great Little Church

If all our Baptist churches were like the little church at Buda, Illinois, the Baptist Board of Education would soon have enough money to meet all needs. Our great societies are making an urgent call for more men for missionary work. It is the plan of the Board of Education to put into the field an evangelist who will work among our colleges for the purpose of leading the students into a deeper spiritual life, so that they may be able to hear more clearly of God's call to service. Some of the broad visioned friends in this noble work desired to provide half the expenses of the evangelist for one year. They have already pledged \$1500. If other churches would like to meet similar pressing needs, write to Frank W. Padelford, Ford Building, Boston, Mass.

Walter J. Sparks

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

It is of interest to Illinois women to know that there were twelve girls who claim our state as their home that last year attended the Baptist Missionary Training school with the intention of becoming missionaries. They are Emily Virginia Beck, Florence Isabel Barker, Clara Louise Clark, Anna Laura Nielson, Helen Louise Stahnke, Lulu May Carter, Marie Zicha, Mrs. Reid Haggins, all of Chicago, and Mrs. Tama Uesugi, born in Japan, but now making her home in Chicago; Lucy S. Goff, Galesburg, Mrs. Eva Isabella Harriss, Decatur, Cecile Hazel Drake, of Sycamore.

Our state will feel the loss by removal from the state of Mrs. L. S. Shumaker, who has been of much assistance as president of the Bloomfield Association. She has put energy and activity into missions in its various phases throughout the association. We shall miss Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker from our state and are sorry that their last days with us should be filled with sorrow because the mother of Mr. Shumaker has passed from earth after a life of faithful and courageous service. We also extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Claxon, who have recently changed their home from Barry to Roseville, as the mother of Mr. Claxon, who was injured in the cyclone at Mattoon, has passed on after a life of 72

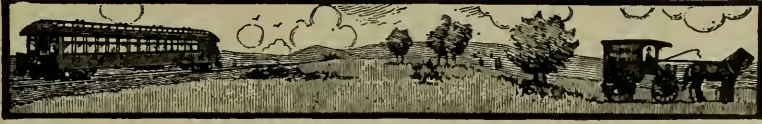
years. Mrs. G. W. Claxon has been one of our active workers as president of the Quincy Association, but her change of residence does not lessen our active workers in the state.

Mrs. Milton Shirk, well known for the large financial assistance she has given to missions, as well as the personal effort and time so freely used to interest others, has resigned as state secretary of the Foreign Society. This is to be regretted for she will be missed in this department, but her service is not lost to the cause in other ways.

Mrs. L. A. Vinnedge of Chicago has been appointed to the position, and our circles will soon hear from her and doubtless meet her. Any one holding the position needs all the aid and encouragement from us which can be given for its duties are constant and exacting. The women in our state who are loyal and true to the Master and His cause are constantly increasing, and we are sure Mrs. Vinnedge will be heartily welcomed as their leader in the foreign department.

Many associations will be held in the following weeks. The reading contest should be made prominent. The state meeting at Moline October 16 should be emphasized and every woman urged to attend and do her best to make the meeting of 1917 the "banner one" of them all.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,
117 North Monroe St., Decatur.

A BAPTIST DRIVE FOR TRAINED LEADERSHIP IN EVERY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM MAINE TO CALIFORNIA

The above is our Baptist slogan for our fall campaign. In connection with the Five Year Program of the Northern Baptist Convention, we are asking all of our schools to set apart the months of October and November, 1917, for a simultaneous drive for Trained Leaders.

We are sending out this word, October, get ready. November, go to it. Illinois must not be behind in this effort.

Early in September let the pastor preach a strong sermon on "Training for Service." Let the superintendent call a meeting of all present and prospective workers, to be held not later than the first week in October. Let a formal vote be taken to undertake this "Drive."

Be sure to notify the State Sunday School Directors as soon as the "Drive" is voted upon and he will send you a chart to be posted in a conspicuous place. Also be sure to send the Director a list of accomplishment on Monday, December 3rd or 10th, at the very latest. By doing this final results may be announced January 1st, 1918.

A leaflet will be mailed to superintendents at an early date explaining the points of the plan.

Remember the months—October and November.

It was my privilege the latter part of June to attend the Baptist Summer Assembly of Kansas, held at the Ottawa University, Ottawa, as one of the faculty. The assembly is yet in its infancy, but gives good promise for the future. Rev. J. M. Gurley of Topeka, is Sunday School Director for that State, and is doing a splendid work.

On my way to Ottawa I had the pleasure of visiting with, and preaching for, Pastors LeGrand and Harms, formerly of Illinois. These brethren are doing a great work on their respective fields, and evidently enjoying the enthusiastic support of their people.

A recent Sunday was spent with the Waukegan church. The evening service was for the men from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Quite a large number attend

Rev. O. R. Thomas writes, "On Communion Sunday, July first, fourteen were given the hand of fellowship as a result of your visit to us. All by baptism and all from the school, except one mother, who was baptized as a result of the baptism of her daughter."

Where the conditions indicate a need, I am always glad to conduct a Decision Service, at the request of the pastor and superintendent.

Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

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Missouri won the Banner. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, gets the next convention. We were there good and strong, but our Missouri friends went us one better, and won. St. Louis asked for the convention in 1919, and will probably get it.

The journey of the Oskawawa was pleasant, the party—"everybody happy"—and the side trips enjoyable. On leaving Chicago, everyone was "properly tagged" and made "acquainted." After a pleasant visit to the dining car, a short devotional exercise was led by Rev. J. H. Hughes, of Amboy, who had twelve of his young people with him.

Autos met the train at Detroit, taking the party to the Statler Hotel. After dinner, for those who had the time, a trip on the river to Belle Isle, was enjoyed. Next morning at 6, autos again took the party for a tour of Detroit and Belle Isle, returning to the Hotel for breakfast, and then came the convention, and it was some convention.

Never has a welcome been given by any city, like the Detroit young people extended on Monday night—it was felt and taken to heart by every Oskie there, and by all others also. The program was ideal, and the speakers were men and women who have not lost their own youthful spirits, even if the years are counting against some of them. They came in that spirit, and they reached the

hearts and minds of these young delegates. From the opening address, by our almost own Rev. Floyd H. Adams, of Hammond, Ind., (an annex of Oskie land) until Prof. McCrimmon of Toronto, Sunday night, on "Conquest Through Sacrifice," there was an interest and an enthusiasm about every address and all the Conferences, that was a most encouraging sign for the future. Illinois delegates missed very few, if any sessions, and went home with well filled note-books. The reports that are given the local unions, should be filled with a spirit of hope, and zeal for service. The conferences, and open parliaments were well attended and large numbers of the delegates participated.

Prof. L. P. Leavell, of the Southern B. Y. P. U., emphasized very clearly, the difference between the work of the B. Y. P. U., Sunday School, Baraca, World Wide Guild, and similar organizations, and also the many benefits to be derived from a consistent and continual use of the "Group Plan."

Saturday afternoon was one of great pleasure, for the Oskies. Detroit young people had chartered a steamer, had commandeered the orchestra of the Woodward Avenue Church, and we "all took a ride" the entire length of the Detroit river, from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie. Friday night was also a great night.



Baptist Old People's Home—New Building

The Board of Directors entered into a contract of purchase, October 7th, 1907, of what was known as the Bra-brook property in Maywood. Mrs. Eunice P. Wood became the first member of the Home April 5th, 1909. This shows that Home has been maintained for over eight years. On October 10, 1916, the secretary, in his annual report, stated that there were thirty members of the Home.

PROPERTY AND ENDOWMENT FUND

The following from the treasurer's report for July 1st, 1917, needs no comment:

"Property owned, fifteen lots comprising an entire block, except one lot on each of two corners, at Maywood, Ill.

Main building cost	\$22,500.00
One cottage and thirteen lots....	10,000.00
Hospital cottage and two lots....	5,500.00
Endowment fund	28,200.00
Reserve fund	9,500.00
Furnishing of three buildings about.....	6,000.00
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	\$81,700.00
One house and lot	2,500.00
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	\$84,200.00
Less mortgage	4,100.00
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	\$80,100.00

We opened the Home eight years ago without capital. Will someone help us to pay off this mortgage? It costs about \$600.00 a month to run the Home. We have done all of this besides securing property endowment and reserve of \$20,000.00 in eight years.

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The State Convention



Before the October issue of the Bulletin reaches its readers it will be almost time for the annual meeting of the Illinois Baptist State Convention, which meets this year in Moline, October 15th to 18th. It is now time to begin making preparations to attend. The Rock Island First Church, Rock Island Edgewood, East Moline, Silvis and Watertown churches joined in the invitation and will assist in entertaining the delegates. Each Baptist church in the state that contributes anything to the support of the Convention is entitled to one delegate, and one additional delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof. It is absolutely necessary for persons to be appointed by their churches in order to have a vote in the convention.

Moline, Rock Island and East Moline form a great manufacturing center, one of the finest in the whole state. The C. B. & Q., Rock Island, Rock Island, & Peoria, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads run into these cities, and the Rock Island and Southern Electric Railway. There are perhaps twenty miles of street car lines, connecting also with Davenport, Iowa.

The program of the Convention, which is now almost complete, appears in this issue of the Bulletin. The wo-

men will have a complete separate program for all day Tuesday. The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School sessions will come Thursday afternoon and evening. Many excellent speakers are on the program. The attendance and interest in the Convention seems to increase each year. No pastor can afford to be absent. He soon gets out of touch with denominational affairs if he fails to attend for a few years. We hope that a goodly number of laymen will attend. The presence of the laymen is greatly appreciated. They get great good out of the meetings, the services are just what they need. We do not yet know how our Convention will come out financially this year. If every church will make up its full apportionment, or as near as it can, the Convention would come out without debt, but very much now depends upon what the churches will do before the first of October. We are yet needing a large sum to clear up all the obligations of the year. Very much money that ought to be paid to the Convention this year has not yet been received and only a short time remains until the books will close October 1st.

The churches in Moline and vicinity will give free lodging and breakfast and will arrange for good places for the

delegates to secure dinner and supper at reasonable cost. The general banquet will be given on Thursday evening between the afternoon and night sessions. We hope to report a good year's work this year and plan greater things for the year to come. There is a special responsibility resting upon the members of the Executive Board to attend these annual meetings. If a man will not make a special effort to attend the meetings of the Convention he should not accept and retain a position on the Board. The members of the Board are delegates to the Convention by virtue of their office, and they do not have to be appointed by churches.

There are prominent men in our denomination, and other denominations, some of them teaching in our theological seminaries, who do not believe in, and some of them ridicule, the Virgin Birth of the Lord, the Deity of Jesus, his Resurrection, the Working of Miracles, Inspiration of the Scriptures, and the Vicarious Atonement made by Jesus Christ. That is, they deny what seems to be plain teaching upon these subjects in the new Testament. They do not assail the Bible as Robert Ingersoll did, but the substance of their teaching is not very different from his. Yet these people want to continue in our churches and to teach our young ministers. And yet, there is perhaps more alarm over these men than is necessary. Some of them make great claims that their teachings are being accepted everywhere. We have many true teachers of the Word in our schools, but those who believe and teach the Scriptures are not advertised as those who do not.

Anyone who can read English fairly well and who will read the New Testa-

ment, knows that according to the inspired writings, Jesus was begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; that He and others wrought many miracles; that His crucified body was raised from the dead; that he ascended to the Father; that through His sufferings and death, somehow, somehow, He redeemed the penitent believer from the penalty of his sins. Preaching of such doctrines results in conversions, and these saved persons believe in and will propagate the truths of the Scriptures. If these truths cease to be taught in the old schools, new schools will teach them. Those who deny these fundamental truths of the gospel do not have many converts. They may get some people to join the churches. It is hard to understand how a person can be regenerated in accepting one to be his Savior who was false to his own profession; or by believing in a book that is full of errors from beginning to end. No evangelist can succeed who denies the deity and resurrection of Jesus, and who repudiates the New Testament doctrine of the Atonement.

Rev. F. W. Stewart of Upper Alton Church has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Queen Street Church in St. Catherine, Ontario. Brother Stewart's father was pastor of the other church in that city when F. W. was born, and he will live in the same city where he began life. He did a good work at Upper Alton.

Trinity Episcopal church, New York City, as a corporation, is older than the United States, for its charter goes back to 1697. In the course of years it has acquired an immense amount of property. The corporation owns 365 houses that are valued at \$16,000,000. It is a renter to 893 families, and it is one of the largest real estate owners and dealers in New York.

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LET every pastor, every Superintendent, and all the Sunday Schools remember that the fourth Sunday in September, September 23rd, is State Convention day in all Sunday Schools in all the States of the Union.

IT IS to be hoped that the great state of Illinois will not fall behind in the observance of this day. Literature and programs have been sent to every pastor or the superintendent where the church has no pastor.

LET this be a great advertising day for State Convention work. It is not expected to raise money on that day; only a collection to help pay for the programs and literature.

WE hope that many churches in Illinois will assist the pastor to attend the State Convention and where it is possible, both the pastor and his wife should go. Let the women see to it that a nice little purse is made up to send the pastor's wife to the Convention in Moline.

IT IS especially requested that all persons who plan to attend the Illinois Baptist State Convention at Moline, October 15-18, and desire entertainment, send their names to Rev. R. Wilbur Babcock, 914-16th St., Moline.

THE Northern Baptist Convention has appointed a War Commission consisting of Samuel Z. Batten, Herbert F. Stilwell, Ernest S. Butler, and Chas. A. McAlpine. This commission desires to enlist all of our people in the plans for war work. We hope that any of our pastors or laymen receiving communications from this committee, and especially from Dr. S. Z. Batten, chairman, will give it their sincere and earnest attention.

**PASTORS AND CHURCHES OF ILLINOIS
WHO ARE BEHIND ON YOUR AP-
PORTIONMENT—LISTEN!**

A STATEMENT WAS SENT THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER TO EACH PASTOR, OR THE CLERK WHERE THERE WAS NO PASTOR, GIVING A DEFINITE STATEMENT OF HOW MUCH YOU WERE IN ARREARS ON YOUR APPORTIONMENT. THE WHOLE AMOUNT IS VERY LARGE. ONLY THE REMAINING WEEKS IN SEPTEMBER CAN BE USED FOR RAISING THIS MONEY. IT WOULD BE A CALAMITY FOR THE STATE CONVENTION TO CLOSE THE YEAR WITH A DEBT. WE WILL NOT HAVE TO DO IT IF EACH OF YOU WILL MAKE A SINCERE EFFORT TO RAISE YOUR ENTIRE APPORTIONMENT. AS THE LAST DAY OF SEPTEMBER COMES ON SUNDAY, WE WILL HOLD THE BOOKS OPEN UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER SECOND IN ORDER THAT OFFERINGS TAKEN IN THE LAST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER MAY REACH OUR TREASURY.

At a recent election in Porto Rico the Island went dry by the following vote: 100,000 for prohibition and 61,000 against it. The Americans who stop in Porto Rico are much more given to drinking than the Porto Ricans.

PROGRAM OF ILLINOIS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Meeting in Moline October 15-18, 1917 Monday Evening

- 7:30 Prayer Service conducted by Rev. L. A. Miller, Cambridge.
7:50 Appointment of Nominating Committee and Committees on Program and Obituaries.
8:00 Address—M. and M. B. Board—\$1,000,000 Campaign.
Rev. W. B. Matteson, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
8:30 Annual Sermon—
Rev. C. W. Gilkey, Chicago.
Collection for printing Annual.

Tuesday Morning, October 16

- 9:00 Devotional
Rev. F. W. Cliffe, Hudson.
Topics for discussion.
9:20 1. The problem of housing the Baptist Pastor.
Rev. A. P. Howells, Centralia.
9:40 2. The pastor's relationship to his brother Baptist ministers.
Rev. A. A. Todd, Jacksonville.
10:00 Discussion of above topics (each speaker limited to five minutes.)
10:30 Business.
10:45 Introduction of new pastors
Supt. E. P. Brand
11:00 Obituary Report
Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., Alton
11:15 Memorial Address
Rev. Judson B. Thomas, D.D., Chicago
11:40 Devotional Service
Rev. Chas. W. Gilkey
12:00 Adjournment.

Tuesday Afternoon

Meeting of Convention

- 1:40 Song and prayer
1:50 Introduction of new president and beginning of Convention work.
Appointment of Nominating and other Special Committees, by president.
2:10 Church Finances—A Special Service conducted by Rev. F. A. Agar, New York.
3:20 Report of Committee on Single Collecting Agency
Rev. S. H. Bowyer, D.D., Springfield
3:40 Committee on Apportionment
Rev. M. W. Twing, D. D., Alton
3:50 Department of Philanthropy
Rev. V. V. Johnson, Rockford
4:10 Dr. M. D. Eubank, Boston, Mass.
4:30 Business

Tuesday Night

- 7:10 Prayer Service
Rev. A. E. Meyer, LaSalle
7:30 Special Music.

- 7:40 Words of Welcome by Pastor.
Response by President.
8:00 Annual Sermon,
Rev. Joseph C. Hazen, Peoria.
Convention Collection for Annual.
State Convention Address
Rev. D. O. Hopkins, Ph.D.,
Champaign
Announcements and Adjournment.

WOMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 1917

Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Illinois in First Methodist Church, Moline, Ill.

Mrs. W. P. Topping, President, presiding
Mrs. W. L. Hunker, Leader of Music
Miss Jennie Aram, Pianist

Keyword—"Enlisted for Service."
"Thou therefore endure hardship, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."—2 Tim. 2:3.

Morning Session

- 9:15 Inspiration for Service. John 20:19-22, Mrs. W. I. Taze, E. Moline
9:30 Words of Welcome
Miss Alwilda Young, Rock Island
9:40 Bulletins of the Year.
Mrs. Geo. McGinnis, Aurora
9:50 Assets and Liabilities
Mrs. H. W. Tate, Evanston
10:00 Information for Service.
Woman's Work.
Leaders—Mrs. J. D. Louderback, State Home Director; Mrs. L. A. Vinnedge, State Foreign Secretary. (The Home Associational Directors and Foreign Associational Secretaries on platform.)
Topics To Be Discussed
Unified Budget—Mrs. S. H. Bowyer Springfield.
Call to the Colors—Mrs. W. E. Pool, Olney.
Conquest Program—Mrs. J. H. Pierce, Princeton.
Standard of Excellence—Mrs. J. T. Whitlock, Mt. Vernon.

- 10:40 **World Wide Guild.**
Leaders, Miss Alice Brimson, Miss Gladys Topping, State Representatives.
(World Wide Guild Association-
al Representatives on Platform)
Topics to Be Discussed

Reading Contest—Miss Florence Kennedy, Chicago.

Standard of Excellence — Miss Pearl Mercer, Kewanee.

Programs—Representative from Finances—Representative from Junior Guilds—Miss Gail South, Orion.

11:05 Work of College Counselor—Mrs. B. F. Bills, State College Counselor.

11:10 State Convention Message Dr. E. P. Brand, State Superintendent of Missions.

11:25 "Emergency Fund" Music by the Moline Ladies' Quartette.

11:30 Advance Plans Mrs. W. P. Topping, Elgin

11:45 Presentation of Loving Cup Mrs. C. M. Church, Belvidere

11:55 Children's World Crusade. Leader, Miss Mary Noble, Buffalo, New York.

Experiences—Mrs. G. A. Sheets, Rockford; Mrs. J. D. Crumley, Plainfield.

12:15 "Latest News"—

12:30 Conquering Hymn—(Sung at the Northern Baptist Convention.) Closing Prayer—

Mrs. J. C. Oranger, Rock Island
"Recreation for Service"—Woman's Luncheon served in First Methodist church.

Afternoon Session

1:30 "Guidance for Service" Ps. 32:8-11 Mrs. G. E. Mayhew, Aledo

1:40 Report Standing Committees and Election of Officers.

2:00 Recognition of Associational Presidents. (Associational Presidents on Platform.)

2:20 Illinois State Assembly Mrs. E. E. Dawson, Petersburg

2:25 "Additional Supplies." Music.

2:30 "Needs and Opportunities for Service"

On the Home Field—

Mrs. Clara D. Pinkham, Dean of Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago.

On the Foreign Field—

Miss Ella D. MacLaurin, General Field Secretary, W. A. B. F. M. S.

3:30 Music.

3:30 Missionary Drama—"The Volunteers—Before and After."

Directed by Miss Etta Ainsworth, Moline.

Closing Prayer—

Mrs. Schliemann, Rock Island.

5:00 "Concentration Camp" Conducted by the Illinois Regiment of the World Wide Guild. (In First Methodist Church parlor.)

Toast Mistress—Miss Frances Burr Chicago

"Our Staff"—Miss Winifred Morris Ashley

"Officers Training Corps"—Name to be supplied.

"Our Ranks"—Mrs. E. W. Copelin Aurora

"Our Envoys"—Mrs. J. H. Sheesley Orion

"Thro' Our Field Glasses"

Mrs. L. C. Trent, Kewanee
Illinois World Wide Guild Marching Song.

Wednesday Morning—October 17

Report of Board and Addresses of Missionaries.

9:00 Song and Prayer.

9:10 Report of the Nominating Committee on Members of the Board and Standing Committees.

9:30 Report of the Executive Board and introduction of State Convention Missionaries—Supt. E. P. Brand
Each State Convention Missionary and Evangelist present will be introduced and give a short address.

11:00 Introduction of New Pastors by Supt. E. P. Brand

11:15 Address

Rev. F. A. Agar, New York

11:35 Devotional Period

Rev. S. J. Skevington, D.D., Chicago.

12:00 Adjournment.

12:15 Dinner for the missionaries of the Convention.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00 Song and Prayer.

2:00 Report—Department of Missions Rev. S. J. Skevington, D.D.

2:20 Address—W. F. M. S., Miss Ella McLaurin, Chicago

2:40 Address—W. H. M. S.

Mrs. Clara D. Pinkham, Chicago

3:00 Addresses—W. W. G., Miss Alice Brimson and Miss Gladys Topping.

3:20 Missionary Address

Dr. J. Y. Aitchison, D.D., Boston, Mass.

3:50 Educational Address

Rev. F. W. Padelford, Boston, Mass.

4:10 Address by a representative of the National Reform Association. Pittsburgh, Pa.

4:30 Convention Business.

Wednesday Night

7:00 Prayer Service,

Rev. F. W. Huxford, Sycamore

7:20 Song Service

7:40 Address

Rev. J. Y. Aitchison, D.D.

8:20 Music.

- 8:30 Report of Anti-Saloon League
T. J. Bolger, Chicago
8:40 Anti-Saloon Address.
Announcements and Adjournment.

Thursday Morning—October 18

- 9:00 Prayer and Song.
9:10 Business of the Convention and reports of committees.
Report of the Treasurer and Auditing Committee.
9:30 Report of Department of Church Efficiency,
Rev. F. E. R. Miller, Elgin.
9:50 Addresses by representatives of the Orphanages and Old People's Home.
10:20 Report of Department of Education
Rev. J. M. Stiffler, Evanston
10:40 Report of Committee on Resolutions
11:20 Address, Samuel Zane Batten,
Washington, D. C.
11:40 Devotional—Rev. Jesse H. Wells,
Mt. Vernon
12:00 Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon

- B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Sessions**
2:00 Devotional
Rev. G. W. Wright, Kirkwood
2:15 Report of work of Sunday School Committee.
2:30 Mission Study for boys and girls
Miss Mary Noble, Buffalo, N. Y.
2:50 The Place of the Sunday School in the Modern World
Dr. A. H. Holtz, Milwaukee Wis.
3:20 Discussion.
3:30 Report of the work of the State B. Y. P. U. Committee.
3:45 President's Address
Carey J. Johnson, Princeton
4:00 Business Session, State B. Y. P. U. Adjournment

Banquet 5 O'clock

- Toastmaster—President Geo. M. Potter,
Alton.
Address—The Abounding Missionary Spirit
Mr. W. G. Brimson, Chicago
B. Y. P. U. Work—Speaker from University
Church, Rudolph Swartout.
Women's Missions, Mrs. W. P. Topping,
Elgin.
The Summer Assembly—Rev. H. W. Hines
El Paso

Time of addresses—10 minutes each

Thursday Night

- 7:15 Song and Prayer.
7:25 Special Music.
7:40 B. Y. P. U. Work and Address
8:40 Address—Enlarging Our Program
Rev. W. H. Main, D.D., Chicago

lot of Springfield men being in Bloomington on Labor Day and getting filled up with booze. We do not know whether this was true or not; possibly it was. If true, it puts Bloomington in a bad light. And yet, that is what the people of Bloomington voted for when they put the saloons back in that beautiful little city. The saloons came back after the city was dry two years, because a lot of men and women who are not in sympathy with the saloons were too careless and indifferent to go to the polls and vote. Bloomington is cursed with saloons because many temperance people were not interested enough to work for a dry town. No city, in this second decade of the 20th century, ought to claim advanced civilization as long as it will license grog shops to curse its own people and those of neighboring communities. We believe Bloomington will vote the saloons out at the next election.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR AUGUST

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Assumption Church	\$22.00
*Belleville Church	15.00
Bethel Church, Greene-Jersey Co. Association	5.00
*Bethel Church, Salem Association ..	13.00
Bulletin advertisement	24.00
Bulletin subscriptions	48.20
*Bunker Hill Church	25.00
Canton Church	85.00
*Chatsworth Church	20.00
Chicago, Morgan Park Church.....	25.33
*Chicago, Windsor Park Church.....	13.80
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	59.17
*Clayton Church	16.25
Danville Church	10.00
Decatur First Church	65.00
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Report of the Treasurer and Auditing Committee.
- 9:30 Report of Department of Church Efficiency.
Rev. F. E. R. Miller, Elgin.
- 9:50 Addresses by representatives of the Orphanages and Old People's Home.
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Rev. J. M. Stiffler, Evanston
- 10:40 Report of Committee on Resolutions
- 11:20 Address, Samuel Zane Batten,
Washington, D. C.
- 11:40 Devotional—Rev. Jesse H. Wells,
Mt. Vernon
- 12:00 Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon

- B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Sessions**
- 2:00 Devotional
Rev. G. W. Wright, Kirkwood
- 2:15 Report of work of Sunday School Committee.
- 2:30 Mission Study for boys and girls
Miss Mary Noble, Buffalo, N. Y.
- 2:50 The Place of the Sunday School in the Modern World
Dr. A. H. Holtz, Milwaukee Wis.
- 3:20 Discussion.
- 3:30 Report of the work of the State
B. Y. P. U. Committee.
- 3:45 President's Address
Carey J. Johnson, Princeton
- 4:00 Business Session, State B. Y. P. U.
Adjournment

Banquet 5 O'clock

- Toastmaster—President Geo. M. Potter,
Alton.
- Address—The Abounding Missionary Spirit
Mr. W. G. Brimson, Chicago
- B. Y. P. U. Work—Speaker from University
Church, Rudolph Swartout.
- Women's Missions, Mrs. W. P. Topping,
Elgin.
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Time of addresses 10 minutes each

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*Belleville Church	15.00
Bethel Church, Greene-Jersey Co. Association	5.00
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Bulletin advertisement	24.00
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*Bunker Hill Church	25.00
Canton Church	85.00
*Chatsworth Church	20.00
Chicago, Morgan Park Church.....	25.38
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The services of the State president may be obtained for meetings of societies or associations, by writing to him. A great proportion of our associations will hold their annual meeting during the next six weeks, and our great state meeting will be the final of the year. The meetings will all tell of what has been accomplished during the year passed, but will also plan for the coming year, and they are the places where a great effort for the Standard Campaign should be made.

Churches that have adopted and are trying to attain the five-year-program, will be greatly benefited by a young people's union that is making an effort to become "Standard." President Johnson is exceedingly anxious to have a larger number of Unions than in any previous year, entered in this campaign. It is to be hoped that pastors will encourage their young people to begin work now to engage in this year's campaign. "Echo Rallies" of the Detroit Convention are being held all over the state, and good reports are being made.

Chicago Union will hold their rally shortly. They also held their annual moonlight boat ride and a large number enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The Detroit Convention matured

plans to begin an effort for "Baptist Volunteers." It is intended to bring strongly to the attention of our young people, that the Master is calling them to the ministry, and other forms of service in the mission fields, and to encourage them to respond to the call. If there ever was a time in history, when the world needed men who will fearlessly proclaim God's message of salvation, by grace, that time seems to be now. The world needs God, and it needs men who "know" God, to point the way to him. "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth laborers." It might be good to have a special Sunday on which this call could be strongly emphasized and have our pastors bring messages from God's word on this topic.

Our great state meeting will be at Moline and the B. Y. P. U. session will come on October 19th. Dr. W. H. Main, pastor of the First church, Chicago, will bring a message of interest, helpfulness and power, as he always does, and it will be worth while to be there to hear him.

The annual election of state officers will also occur at this time, and all B. Y. P. U. Associations are requested to send their nominations for state president, to Rev. W. B. Morris, Ashley, Ill.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

The purpose of the Baptist Old People's Home is not to be a Home spelled with a capital "H" but to be a real *home* with the comfort and content that the word implies, a *home* that is restful, sympathetic, and satisfying to men and women, who after a busy life, come to the years that are not their "declining" but their upward bound years. A lady who is a member of the Home has shown this fact in a brief review of her life, closing with her commendation of the Baptist Old People's Home. We give our readers her "Reminiscence" as she has given it to us.

"A REMINISCENCE

"O the log cabin of yore, where the old settlers dwelt:

Where oft in the by-gones, they'd freeze or they'd melt:

Where corn dodgers were sweet, and the music of yore

Was the howl of the wolves as they passed by the door.

"Pioneer conditions of 1849 forced my parents in order to educate their children, to move to Chicago only sixty miles distant from their farm. This same year they united by baptism with the 'Tabernacle Baptist Church,' located on LaSalle between Washington and Randolph, known as the 'Anti-Slavery Branch' of the 'First Baptist Church.' Two years later, or 1851, this church burned, and the same year was rebuilt on the west side on Des Plaines near Washington. I united with this church in 1861. Later on the West Side Baptists united with us and we merged into what was known as the 'Second Baptist Church,' of which I was a charter mem-

ber and stock holder. The church rebuilt on Monroe and Morgan with a membership of two hundred and thirty, and increased through able leadership to thirteen hundred. Later on there appeared among us one whose name we all revere, Aunt Lizzie Aiken, who was peculiarly fitted to search out the lonely and afflicted; and this building is now a mission and fittingly bears the name of 'Aiken Institute.' But the old Second Church still lives on, and the Centennial uniting with it, located farther west.

"By special request I refer to my pioneer education. The public schools were ungraded when I entered in 1849. Later on I watched the erection of Chicago's first High School, and was admitted to its first class numbering fourteen, and later graduated with its first Normal Class (December, '58)—only two of us are living. I had my appointment as a teacher January, '59, and have taught thirty-eight consecutive years in the same school. Three years of this time, was a primary principal of its branch. I was one of the singers at the dedication of 'Rose Hill Chapel,' also later on sang at the dedication of the chapel of Douglas University, now Chicago University.

"After teaching thirty-eight consecutive years, failing health forced me to resign. Liberty and rest restored to a degree my strength; but suddenly I was shorn of that strength after a severe illness. I decided to enter the 'Aunt Lizzie Aiken Memorial Home, that fittingly perpetuates her name, called the 'Baptist Old People's Home.'

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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.

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The months of July and August have been busy ones for the matron and her staff of helpers. Some of the children of the home went to private homes for a vacation, but their places were soon filled by new ones. Consequently the home has been filled to its utmost capacity during the vacation period.

The Board voted the Matron a month's vacation, but so far there seems to be no chance for her leaving.

The receiving home is fast nearing completion, and presents a beautiful and commodious appearance. The building will meet a long felt need and will help much in the management of the children and will add greatly to the comfort and do much in preserving the health of the family by protecting the children from contagious disease.

The superintendent is working hard on the finances, but the response is slow, especially the cash receipts.

The following cash pledges have been secured recently:

Mrs. M. Arvin DeWitt	\$25.00
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Miss Pease	5.00
Mr. O. P. Channon	5.00
Mr. S. Talbot	2.00
Burton Hungerford	5.00
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Mr. David McLelland	5.00
Mrs. S. Wallace	5.00
Mrs. Mary Smith took a share	35.00
Mr. John Lowe	50.00
Mr. John Nuvveen, one of the 20 gave	100.00

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS

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The proposed improvements are making slow progress owing to the necessity of keeping our full force engaged in efforts at production of food supplies. However, we have kept one workman constantly engaged on the buildings. The superintendent has given his personal attention to the food production efforts and has not been in the field soliciting funds. Excess of rain in the early part of the seeding season made the farm work difficult. Yet we have succeeded beyond any other year in supplying our tables from the farm and garden. We hope to thresh between 500 and 600 bushels of wheat and our corn and other feed crops are unusually promising. Most of our wheat stubble has been sown with soy beans and cow peas and gives promise of a splendid crop of feed for our dairy herd.

Our potato crop was cut some by several weeks drought, but recent rains are bringing them out and a patch planted early in July is making good progress.

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Seven Baptist Principles



Within recent months the editor has been asked several times concerning the seven Baptist principles which we read before the Free Baptist yearly meeting in Southern Illinois several years ago, and which were reported by the Board and passed upon by the Illinois Baptist State Convention. It was not claimed that these seven brief statements contained all of Baptist teaching, and it was admitted that Baptists might differ on seventy-seven, or seven hundred and seventy-seven positions, and yet be Baptists. All it was claimed was that any one who fully believed in these seven propositions was a Baptist, and could not, without a violation of conscience, join any church but a Baptist church, and anyone who rejected any of them was not a Baptist in the fullest sense of the word. There are many Biblical doctrines on which Baptists differ, such as election, predestination, prescience, second coming of our Lord, the Lord's Supper, fermented wine, leavened or unleavened bread, some of the qualifications for the Lord's Supper, ordination of deacons, the election of deaconesses, the work of missions, and many practices for which there is no Scripture. But these differences should not break denominational fellowship. Two people do not

think alike in all things unless one of the two does the thinking for both. A large body of Christians will not think alike unless one person does the thinking for them all. But there are a few fundamental principles that are Baptist the world over. We give them below:

Belief in

1. The Bible as the inspired Word of God, and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
2. The deity of Jesus Christ and the personality and direct operation of the Holy Spirit.
3. Liberty of conscience in all matters of religion and entire separation of church and state.
4. A regenerated church membership.
5. Believers in Jesus Christ as the only proper subjects for Christian baptism.
6. Immersion in water as the only form of Christian baptism.
7. Independency and self-government of the local church.

ERROR

The Oglesby church made its full apportionment, and should have been reported with a star last month. This was an unintentional error.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Bloomington Association met at Cornell September 11th. The roads were fine and many people went in automobiles. The attendance was good and the interest very fine. This is one of the strongest associations in the state, and nearly all of the churches were represented. The churches are generally supplied with a strong pastorate. Only a few churches in the association are now pastorless. Rev. G. W. Kimball is pastor of the entertaining church. This church is in fine condition and entertained the association well.

The Bloomfield Association met in Paris September 12th. This is a great association of forty-one churches, occupying a very large and very needy territory. It is a region that needs much missionary work and the association is doing some systematic missionary work in co-operation with the Board of the State Convention. Twenty six churches reported 313 baptisms. Rev. L. B. Trites, the missionary supported by the association and the State Convention, did very good work. More than 100 persons were added to the churches where he aided in meetings; but some of them were not in that association. The Paris church, where the association met, is now pastorless. Rev. L. S. Shumaker, who was pastor there for about six years, has located in Iowa.

The Quincy Association met in Clayton September 18th. Clayton is in the northern part of the association, but the fine weather for automobiling gave them a good attendance. This association is in much better condition than it was fifteen years ago. Many of the

churches are not strong, but it is a good field for missionary work. Barry and Pittsfield, two county seat towns, are now pastorless. The spiritual interest of the meeting was good. The Clayton church, of which Rev. F. L. Enslow is pastor, did splendidly in entertaining the delegates. The pastor and his efficient wife took a large part in feeding the people, and he and his auto seemed to be in all places at all times.

The Peoria Association met in Monmouth September 19th. That church is pastorless, but entertained the association well. The attendance was not large for so large a body, but the interest was very good. The Peoria Association is doing the largest missionary work of any association in the state. It spent \$1500 of missionary money, and the State Convention co-operated with the association at all points. About 100 additions to the churches were reported through the missionary work. Mr. A. F. Stickney, president of the Missionary Board, is one of the most faithful and efficient missionary laymen in the state.

All of these associations are very loyal to the State Convention, and their appreciation of State Convention work seems to be growing.

Announcement has just been received of the marriage of Rev. Percy Gordon Spangler, pastor of the Collinsville Church, to Miss Roberta Ward Neff, which was to take place October 3rd, in the Euclid Avenue Baptist church of St. Louis. After October 5th their residence will be 424 Vandalia St., Collinsville, Ill.

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WHY DIFFERENCES?

Why should people in our generation who have an open Bible in their possession so differ in its interpretation as to form so many different sects and denominations? We think the primary reason for there being so much difference in doctrinal teaching is that they are trying to defend and to carry out some ecclesiastical system that was formulated in ages past. Many of our denominations came out of the Roman Catholic organization, and while they teach some vital Christian doctrines, they cling to some of the old Roman Catholic theories rather than throw it all aside and abide by what is plainly taught in the New Testament, and it seems strange that some of these will go far beyond Catholics in their theories. For example, the Catholics changed the form of baptism. They do not claim that sprinkling was practiced in apostolic times, but immersion always and everywhere. But they claim that the church had the right to change this ordinance for convenience sake, and they changed it. But many Protestants have copied this practice from the Romanists and then make a feeble effort to defend their practice from the New Testament, while anyone who can read the New Testament

knows, or could know, that it teaches the immersion of believers as baptism, and nothing else. Baptizoo is always used when the ordinance of baptism is referred to and the word means to immerse, to plunge, to submerge. Rantizoo is the word for sprinkling. It is never used in the New Testament with reference to baptism. If a sincere and intelligent inquirer after the truth had never heard of Christianity and was given the New Testament as his guide without commentary or interpreter, he would be convinced of the deity of Christ, the Virgin Birth and Resurrection of Jesus, the genuineness of the miracles, the Vicarious Atonement, the reality of regeneration, the immersion of believers, and the organization of local independent churches, separate from the state.

ORDINATIONS

A council was called by the Big Rock Church to meet on September 10th, to consider the matter of ordaining its pastor, W. C. Deer. Rev. Henry Clay Miller of Aurora was elected moderator and Rev. C. K. Turner of Joliet, clerk. Eleven churches were represented by a total of sixteen delegates. The council declared itself satisfied with the examination, and the candidate was ordained that night. Rev. C. A. Neyman of Joliet preached the sermon.

On August 11th a council was called by the Troy Church to consider the matter of ordaining Robert and Lester Anderson, brothers, to the ministry. After a thorough and satisfactory examination they were ordained. Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., of Alton was moderator, and Rev. V. Colbert of Collinsville, clerk.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Alpha Sunday School	\$ 1.00
*Amboy Church	16.00
*Antioch Ch., (Bloomfield Assn)....	5.35
*Arthur Church	47.00
*Assumption	5.00
*Aurora, First Church	79.00
Barry Church	22.00
Barry Ch., Mrs. Ed. Grammer (3) ..	5.00
*Barrington Church	6.35
*Benville Church	2.00
*Barrow Church	8.00
*Benton, First Church	75.00
*Be'videre, South Church.....	19.00
*Bethel Church (Rock Island Assn) ..	23.00
*Big Springs Church	5.00
Bloomington Ch., Mrs. F. I. Miller (1 and 2)	10.00
*Blandinsville Church	32.00
Bourbon Sunday School	3.00
*Brimfield Church	5.00
Bulletin Advertisement	12.00
Bulletin subscriptions	85.46
Cambridge Church	11.59
*Carrollton Church	41.00
*Carthage Church	14.50
*Charleston Church	23.00
Charleston Sunday School	3.35
*Champaign, First Church	64.00
Champaign, First Ch., Bible School ..	12.00
Champaign, First Ch. S. S.	9.00
Champaign, First Ch., Clarence A. Lloyde, (1 and 2)	10.00
*Chicago, Bethany Church.....	25.00
Chicago, Belden Avenue Church....	100.00
*Chicago, Calvary Church	17.15
*Chicago, Covenant S. S.	44.00
Chicago, Englewood Church	50.00
Chicago, First Church	50.00
*Chicago, Garfield Park Church....	50.00
Chicago, Grace Church	3.00
*Chicago, Hungarian Church.....	15.00
*Chicago, Logan Square Church....	16.00
Chicago, Maplewood Church	12.50
Chicago, Maplewood Sunday Sch.	5.75
Chicago, Messiah Church	4.14
Chicago, Morgan Park Church.....	26.31
*Chicago, North Shore Church.....	70.00
*Chicago, Pilgrim Temple Church ..	23.00
Chicago, Ravenswood Church	3.00
Chicago, Second Church	100.00
*Chicago Heights Church	20.00
*Chillicothe Church	10.00
*Colchester Church	12.00
Colchester Sunday School	2.50
Cordova Sunday School	2.50
Cornell Sunday School	4.25
*Damascus Church	7.00
Damascus Sunday School	1.50
*Danvers Church	16.50
*Decatur First Church	168.00

Deer Park Sunday School	3.05
*Divernon Church	55.00
Divernon Sunday School	9.25
Dundee Church	5.00
Easton Church	5.00
*Enon Church	4.00
Evanston Church	60.00
*Freeport Church	116.00
*Galesburg First Church	99.00
*Galva Church	52.00
*Gilman Church	10.00
Grant Park Sunday School.....	2.20
Grape Creek Mission Society.....	3.00
*Greenville Church	33.00
Griggsville Church	12.00
Guthrie, Rev. J. O., Raymond Ch.	5.00
*Harvey Church	10.00
Harvey S. S.	3.12
Havana S. S.	5.00
Havana B. Y. P. U.	1.00
Home Mission Society.....	243.94
Hopkins Park Sunday School.....	7.25
Hutsonville, First Church and S. S.	12.50
Joliet, Ridgewood Church	20.00
Joliet, Eastern Avenue S. S.	1.00
Kellerville Church	13.65
*Kinderhook Church	25.00
Kinderhook Ch., Mrs. Bessie Martin (4)	5.00
*Lexington Ch., Mrs. V. M. Bruffy, (5 and 6)	10.00
*Loda Church	7.00
Malta Sunday School	3.00
*Mattoon Church	30.00
*Marengo Church	32.35
McClure, Mrs. H. W., Atlanta Ch. (Special Evangelistic Fund)....	5.00
*Monmouth Church	43.50
*Mt. Carroll Church	136.00
Moweaqua Church	50.00
Moweaqua Sunday School	3.10
Nokomis Church	5.00
Normal Ch., Miss Eliza Bullock....	10.00
Normal Ch., Mrs. Chas. Stone.....	2.00
Normal Sunday School	1.08
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Oak Park First Church.....	30.00
*Orion Church	43.00
*Oquawka Church	15.00
*Paris Church	18.00
*Paw Paw Church	22.00
Paw Paw Sunday School.....	2.00
Plainfield Church	16.00
Plainfield S. S.	5.00
*Pleasant Grove Ch. (Peoria Assn) ..	5.00
Pleasant Ridge Church	5.00
Pleasant View Church	3.00
Providence Church	4.00
*Quincy Central Church	102.80
Quincy Assn. Missionary Com.....	100.00
Rayburn, Mrs. Minnie C., Roseville Ch., Special Evangelistic Fund....	10.00
*Rock Island, Edgewood Church....	4.00
*Rock Island, First Church	30.00
*Rockford, State Street Church....	45.00
*Rockton Church	8.05
*Roseville Church	67.45

Roseville Ch., Mrs. G. W. Claxon (4)	5.00
Roseville Sunday School	7.30
Sale of Annuals and letter blanks	7.32
*Sadorus Church	10.00
Sidell Sunday School	6.55
Shelbyville Church	35.00
*Spanish Needle Church	2.50
*Sparland Church	10.75
Springfield, Elliott Ave., Ch.	26.50
*Springfield, Central Church	125.00
*Springfield, South 7th St. Church ..	40.00
*Somonauk Church	8.00
Streator, First Church	25.00
*Stonington, Old	10.00
*Sullivan Ch., Rev. J. L. Watson	5.00
Tiskilwa Sunday School	6.23
University Church receipts	80.00
Upper Alton Church	12.76
Warren Church	7.00
*Watertown Church	20.00
*Waukegan Church	46.00
*Winchester Church	23.00
Woodburn Church	2.00
Total	\$3875.10

THE WAR

We are now in the third month of the fourth year of the great war. Such a war has never been known. Perhaps no other war ever came within a tenth part of what the present war means. In the destruction of soldiers, the loss of life on the part of non-combatants, in the amount of suffering on the part of nations and peoples who had nothing to do with the war, in the destruction of property and in the billions of money that it is costing, there has never been a comparison in the world's history. It is yet scarcely six months since the United States declared the existence of war between this country and Germany, but the world has never seen such marvelous preparation in six months. Already this country has arranged for the expenditure of about \$8,000,000,000. Six months ago our effective army and navy would scarcely number 100,000 men; now we have at least 1,000,000 men, some of them in France, others being rapidly trained and another million will soon be

brought into service. The manufacture of equipment, etc., has gone on as rapidly as the securing of men. The manufacture and equipment of merchant and war ships has kept pace with other things, and the building up of the greatest aviation establishment in the world is making rapid progress. The minds of the Americans seem to be rapidly coming together on this greatest peril in our country's history. For, as we stood one year ago, we were in a perilous condition; in danger of selfishly taking no part to save the civilization for which our grandfathers fought 140 years ago. There are some good people, some of our Baptist brethren, who honestly feel that the U. S. government did wrong in going into this war, but there are not many of them, and they are becoming less. We can never have a unanimous sentiment in anything. When the representatives of the colonies signed the Declaration of Independence and made war upon Great Britain, there were some Tories who stood out against it all through the Revolutionary war. The old people remember that in the war of the Sixties, there were many people in the North who were bitterly against Mr. Lincoln for waging war against the South, and good, honest people did not believe that slavery should be destroyed; the more radical of these were called "copperheads." But they were mistaken, and there are some today who do not feel sympathetically toward President Wilson and the government in this war, but nearly all American citizens, and many of them of German birth or parentage, are heartily supporting the government. We believe that the U. S. has at this time, and for some years to come, the greatest opportunity in its

history to be a blessing to civilization. If we had endured the insults of Germany against our own country and had shut our eyes to what other countries were suffering; if we had professed ignorance of the real cause of the war and had allowed our country to be used as a tool in the hands of other countries, however the war might have ended we would have been despised by all nations and could have had but little influence with any of them after the war is over. Everybody knows that this country is not fighting for conquest; we have all the country we need or want. We do not expect one dollar of indemnity for ourselves. We are loaning billions of dollars to foreign countries whose treasuries have been drained because of this war. Why should we make such a sacrifice; what do we expect in return? Only the preservation and advancement of the civilization and liberty with which our country has been and is blessed. It is not with any bitterness or hatred toward any people, but to help overthrow a military autocracy that threatens the world.

The following communication from President George M. Potter of Shurtleff College will interest many of the readers of the Bulletin: "The Executive Committee of Shurtleff College heartily and most enthusiastically grant the request of the Baptist Summer Assembly for permission to come here next year, and they say that they will do all they can to make it just as pleasant and convenient for the Assembly as possible. I hope, therefore, that you will go ahead and make whatever announcements you feel necessary about the matter. I have seen a number of

the other trustees and all are very much in favor." We believe we shall have the greatest meeting of our Summer Assembly in 1918, that we have ever had. We shall plan for an enrollment of 300 next summer.

The following quotation was taken from a letter written by one of the doctors of divinity in Chicago: "Have just finished reading the Illinois Bulletin from the first page to last letter on last page, and had a feast of good things. That editorial on page 66 is a jewell. God bless the writer for the nail driven in a sure place."

PERSONALS

Rev. H. M. Richmond, a young preacher of Chicago, who supplied the Andalusia Church one month during the past summer and afterward held a very successful meeting in one of the missions of the LaSalle Avenue church in Chicago, recently held a meeting at Benville in the Quincy Association. There was a great revival on that field, and the little church was greatly strengthened. Rev. J. B. Rogers of Chicago, who organized the church at Benville while he was pastor at Quincy, came down Thursday, September 20th, and baptized fourteen, and gave the hand of fellowship to sixteen. There are more to be baptized. Brother Richmond is now planning to work in Michigan for a few months.

The editor of the Bulletin had the privilege of spending one hour in the L. D. Lamkin meetings in El Paso. They have continued just one week and there seems to be a very deep interest in the church and the meetings are well attended. At that time they were hoping for good results before the end of another week.

CHURCHES

The Clayton church was so much pleased with the meeting of the Quincy Association in their town that they "almost felt like saying, come again next year."

Rev. M. P. Boynton, D.D., has been pastor of the Woodlawn Church in Chicago for twenty years. It was a student supply church when he accepted it, with a small frame building. During these twenty years he has led his people in erecting a meeting house worth more than \$40,000, and increased the membership to more than 1,000. On Wednesday night, September 12th, the church gave the pastor and his wife a reception, and invited him to remain with them another twenty years, and he accepted the invitation. The outlook on that field is good for this fall and the coming winter.

The Loda church lost their pastor two years ago by death and has not located a pastor since, and has had but few supply services, though they have kept up the Sunday school. Quite recently, Mr. E. M. Hungerford, one of the leading men in the church, and one of the leading Baptists in that section of the state, died from a stroke of paralysis. The church feels somewhat discouraged. The editor of the Bulletin will give them the first Sunday that he can after the meeting of the State Convention, and will do what he can to encourage the work on that field.

The First Church of Benton, of which Rev. J. L. Meads is pastor, recently raised \$1600 and paid off the debts that had been several years in accumulating. We hope the Benton church will see its way clear, within a few years, to build a meeting house in keeping with the strength of the denom-

ination there and with the needs of the city.

The First Church of White Hall has candidates awaiting baptism and several have recently been received by letter. They have voted to increase the salary of the pastor, Rev. John A. Simpson, \$100 for the coming year.

The Second Church of Johnston City unanimously voted to increase the salary of its pastor, Rev. J. H. Bagwill, \$200 per year, to begin July 1, 1917.

Our East Moline Mission church has let the contract for building a new meeting house. They have a very fine plan and let the contract for \$12,000. They expect the house complete with heating, lighting, seating, and other furnishings, to cost in all about \$16,000. It will be a brick meeting house, and they hope to be able to occupy it this winter. Rev. J. M. Osborne is the pastor and the outlook at East Moline seems to be very hopeful.

PASTORAL CHANGES

The Geneseo Church has called Rev. A. P. Rossier to become its pastor. About ten years ago Brother Rossier became pastor of the Bethany Church in the Alton Association and did excellent work there. At the close of that pastorate he went to Canada. We are glad to have him return to Illinois and to take the important field of Geneseo.

Rev. Chas. H. Davies, who did a splendid work for several years at Forest City and Towanda, in the Bloomington Association, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Marissa church in the Alton Association. That church has been pastorless for more than two years, but is now strongly inclined to do aggressive work

Rev. D. T. Magill, who has been pastor of the Calvary Church in Chicago for ten years, recently resigned that field. Brother Magill is an excellent man, a splendid pastor, and his wife is a good helper. We hope that some church in Illinois will retain them in this state.

Rev. John M. Dean, pastor of the Second Baptist church in Chicago, after five years' work, has offered his resignation. His reason for this is that his health will not permit him to do the large amount of work necessary in the Second church. He will give some time to evangelistic work and some time among the soldiers in the training camps. He will also retain some connection with the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, which was organized by him and conducted in the Second church.

The East Park church of Decatur called Rev. H. H. Ray of Johnston City to become its pastor in the place of Rev. J. H. Cozad.

Rev. O. P. Miles, D.D., of Shelbyville, accepted a call to become pastor of the Arthur Church in the Bloomfield Association.

It is reported that Rev. T. F. Chilton, who came from the Presbyterians to the Baptists in Danville a few years ago, and has been pastor at Muncie, South Danville, Streator and Mahomet, has accepted a call to become pastor of a Congregational church. We do not know how long he contemplates remaining with the Congregationalists.

The Oglesby Church has called as its pastor Rev. James M. Wilson of Marion, Iowa, who will begin work October 1st.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. H. L. Mounce writes concerning the meeting which Evangelist Dunk held for him as follows. "Brother Dunk's work is of a constructive nature. I can heartily recommend him to any church needing special services. He greatly endeared himself to our people."

Rev. E. H. Fletcher, our colored missionary, recently organized a negro Baptist church in Dixon. There are at this time about 150 colored people in that town, most of them of Baptist persuasion, and with no other church in that town for their race.

Brother Fletcher also organized a church not long since at East Moline, where there is good prospect of rapidly building up a strong congregation.

Rev. J. B. Little, who is now located for full time at Morocco, Indiana, recently closed his work at Hopkins Park, Ill. They had a good closing up, with debts all paid and only \$300 back on the splendid meeting house, and that is all subscribed. We hope Brother Little will see his way clear to come back to Illinois at some time in the future.

Rev. John Johnson, our missionary pastor at Chillicothe and Pleasant Grove, seems to be doing aggressive work. The Chillicothe field was in a very low condition when he took it nine months ago. He has built up the Sunday School and greatly increased the congregation and added quite a number of members to the church. A number of people who had church letters from ten to twenty-five years of age have brought them out and are identifying themselves with the church. They have secured a new piano at Chillicothe and are repairing the house at Pleasant Grove.

Rev. P. H. Aldrich, our missionary pastor at Clinton, has been quite sick during the past quarter. He has been afflicted with rheumatism and has spent much of the time in Chicago taking treatment. He is recovering, but is not yet able for work. He offered his resignation at a business meeting of the church a few days ago, but they voted unanimously to reject it, and to give him more time to recover from his affliction. We hope he will soon be able to do full work again on that important field.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Southern Illinois Association met at Ava Wednesday night, September 26th, and the ministers' meeting was held Tuesday and Wednesday. The attendance was not large, but the churches were generally represented, and the interest was quite good. Outside interests were represented by Dr. Young of North Burmah, A. C. Kelly of Irvington, E. P. Brand of Normal, T. L. Ketman of Chicago, Mrs. Dr. Hilton of Chicago, Mrs. J. D. Louderback of Chicago, and a lady from Waukegan. At the time the editor left the meeting, twenty-six letters had been received and these reported 408 baptisms. Among those that had not yet been received at the time the editor left was the First Church of Cairo, which would report a large number of baptisms. There were in all probably 450 baptisms. This was the largest of any association in the state, so far as we know, except that of Chicago. Plans were made to hold one or two meetings in the association during the year for the purpose of developing the spirit of missions and the work of B. Y. P. U. and Sunday Schools. While many of

the churches in this association are small, there are some of the strongest churches in the state, outside of Chicago, in it, such as Cairo First, Murphysboro, Johnston City Second, Benton First and Mt. Vernon First. The same officers were elected for another year, and a strong missionary committee was appointed, and aggressive missionary work will be planned for next year.

Ava Church is pastorless, but entertained the association well. It will require some time for the former Free Baptist churches to fall fully into line with our missionary and educational and philanthropic work, but they are making some progress, and within a few years we will probably have two and possibly more, good associations in the territory that is now occupied by one.

The Alton Association met in Litchfield Wednesday, August 26th. The interest was very fine and the Litchfield church, of which Rev. D. H. Toomy is pastor, entertained the association well. At the time the editor left, twenty-eight church letters had been read and they reported 402 baptisms. Rev. V. Colbert, the missionary, made a good report. Two new churches that are doing fine work have been established within the last two years. The Alton Association covers a great mission field. A new association, to be known as the East St. Louis Association, is being organized by the Southern State Association people. Possibly six or eight churches out of the forty churches in the Alton Association will go into this organization. One person is reported to have been very active in visiting churches and in trying to create a southern sentiment in them.

This division will clear the atmosphere in the Alton Association. While the great majority have been in hearty sympathy with the State Convention and the Northern Convention, yet on account of a few churches being in sympathy with the south, the missionary work of the association has been held back because of this division. We expect a large work to be done in that association in the coming year.

CHURCHES

Rev. A. P. Howells has been pastor of the Centralia Church for six and one-half years. They have just expended \$1200 in repairs upon the meeting house. Six persons were recently added to the church. The church made its entire apportionment for missions.

The Grant Park Sunday School of the Mattoon church seems to be doing splendid work. The school house where they met was destroyed by the cyclone, but with some assistance from the Home Mission Society and the State Convention, they will soon be able to put up a nice little meeting house at that place. On September 23rd, they had 142 present in the Sunday School. They are now at work building a new chapel. Good repairs have been put on the First Church meeting house in Mattoon. Rev. J. M. Lively, the pastor, seems to be moving the good work along in that city.

The meeting house at Goodfield, which was a branch of the Deer Creek Church, was destroyed a few weeks ago by fire. The Deer Creek church has decided to rebuild the meeting house, to cost \$10,000, \$8,000 of which has already been subscribed. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Dalton, had resigned

the church and accepted a call to the Huntington, Indiana, Church, but after the Goodfield meeting house burned down, the Huntington people released him, and he will remain on the Deer Creek and Goodfield territory.

The Walnut Church of which Rev. H. E. Miles is pastor, seems to be doing good and encouraging work. At the annual meeting they were able to report a balance account in the several departments. They are now making a campaign for an advancement of missionary education and contributions.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. E. H. Fletcher, our colored missionary, on September 18th, was in the midst of special meetings at Dixon. At that time the meetings were well attended and it was expected to continue a few evenings longer.

Evangelist F. L. Church assisted Rev. V. Colbert in meetings at the Unity church in East St. Louis during the first part of September. This is the same place where he held a meeting in the summer, and they invited him back for a second meeting, which was quite successful. Quite a number of men were reached in these meetings. He organized a men's Bible class of fifteen members, with more to come. At the dedication of the new basement \$650 was subscribed. He went from there to the Second church of Mt. Vernon to hold a second meeting for them. He had quite a successful meeting there during the summer.

Rev. F. M. Dunk held a tent meeting with Rev. H. L. Mounce, pastor of the Erie church. The meetings were very helpful for the church, but not many outside of the church were reached.

**THE MINISTERS' AND MISSIONARIES'
BENEFIT BOARD**

It is slowly becoming manifest that the denomination realizes how fundamental the work of this Board is to all denominational activities. Our work will not rise above the level of its ministers. Provision for our leaders is therefore a part of denominational capital.

The Northern Baptist Convention instructed the Benefit Board to raise an additional million dollars for its Permanent Fund. The income of this amount together with the present income will enable the Board to care for the cases of need. Last year the Board issued 340 grants. There are as many more cases in need. An average monthly grant of \$20 for 700 requires an annual income of \$168,000.

The Board urges every pastor to preach on Sunday, November 18th, on this subject.

In 1902 Dr. Morehouse, who for thirty-eight years was secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, became convinced that this work was the primary need of the denomination. And it was through his efforts that the Benefit Board was organized. What is more fitting than that a great denomination should honor the labors of such a leader by calling the new Fund the "Morehouse Memorial Million"?

Write the Executive Secretary of your willingness to co-operate and send for further information, literature, etc., to Rev. E. T. Tomlinson, Executive Secretary, 23 East 26th St., New York City.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Missionary N. T. Hafer took his vacation in a trip through Wisconsin and Minnesota. He did much automobile riding and reports a very helpful vacation. He came back in time to attend the Macoupin County and Shelby Associations before the end of August.

Rev. Irving Fox of Chicago recently became pastor of the Riverside Church in Decatur. He secured a tent and held meetings for about one month, doing the preaching himself. Rev. L. B. Trites and his wife and daughter conducted the music. The people appreciated very highly the sermons preached by Mr. Fox and the music as conducted by Mr. Trites. They reported 58 additions to the church, and according to the reports in the Decatur papers, they are now planning a new church building. The outlook at Riverside seems to be more hopeful than at any time in its history. The church has called a council to consider the matter of ordaining its pastor.

Rev. E. H. Fletcher of Chicago, our colored state missionary, seems to be doing very active work. He recently organized a church of 27 members at East Moline. There are 300 colored people in East Moline, most of them Baptists.

Evangelist F. M. Dunk took a vacation through July and then conducted a meeting at Cordova, assisting the pastor, Rev. Frank Woodhull, for about two and one-half weeks. He is at this time assisting Rev. H. L. Mounce at Erie in the Rock Island Association. In both of these meetings he used the State Convention tent.

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This is our last opportunity for reminding every reader of the Bulletin and their friends of the State meeting to be held in Moline, October 16th, in connection with the State Convention. We are expecting a large attendance and the best meeting we have had. If some personal sacrifice is necessary in order to attend—and very often such is the case—in a short time it will be forgotten in the larger outlook and greater knowledge which has been received. Come and renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Mrs. R. Wilbur Babcock, 914 16th St., Moline, is chairman of the local committee. Write to her so that you may be properly placed for lodging. If living too far to reach there before 9 a.m., come on Monday, so as not to miss the morning meeting Tuesday, which is to be held in the First Methodist church. If not able to come before Tuesday, go direct to the meeting and register for the convention later.

What is a New Feature of our State Meeting?

Presentation of Study Books

What Are They?

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When?

*Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.
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Where?

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By Whom?

*Dr. Etta R. Hilton and Mrs. Clara D.
Pinkham*

To Whom?

*To You and Every Woman Attending
the Convention*

The sympathy of all friends of Mrs. F. W. Heath, who was until recently our recording secretary, is extended to her because of the passing on of her husband's mother, to whom she had ministered for many years as only a true daughter could. The mother is relieved from suffering, but left a vacancy which cannot be filled.

In contrast we have to record the marriage of Miss Goldie Whitesell, president of the Salem Association, to Rev. L. E. Ellison, pastor at Arcola. We can heartily congratulate both pastor and people.

The World Wide Guild Girls are rapidly coming to the front and if the older women do not bestir themselves, they will soon have the larger number of circles. The last report is 147 circles in Illinois. Their organization will be given especial prominence in Moline. Come and see how well they do things and be proud that they are our daughters. The two state officers, Miss Alice Brimson and Miss Gladys Topping, are planning to visit, after the state meeting, a number of organizations in the Ottawa, Rock Island and Peoria Associations.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



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Has YOUR SCHOOL voted to enter the "Baptist Drive for Trained Leaders"? If not, let me urge that you take action at once. There is yet time if you act promptly. November is the month designated, and your school will derive much benefit from the effort. Write to the Director for information.

The following churches have said they will entertain Institutes: Harrisburg, Sycamore, Minonk, Urbana, Carterville, Winchester, Mt. Vernon, and Rozetta. If you want one in your church, please write at once so that we may make arrangements for the program.

Have you organized a Teacher Training Class yet? Now is the time to begin. We are offering the best course presented, and suggest that you use the first book in the new course, "The Pupil." This book contains ten lessons, and is the first unit in the new course. Have your class finish the book and then take the examination and receive credit toward the full course diploma.

Are you trying to have your school make the Standard this year? All schools making one hundred per cent will receive honorable mention at the Northern Baptist Convention, and also at the Summer Assembly.

Since last writing I have visited the following associations: Salem, Green-

Jersey, Central Illinois, Bloomington, Bloomfield, Quincy, Peoria, Alton and Southern Illinois. Our Elementary Director was present and spoke at all except the last two named. We hear nothing but praise for Mrs. Hoffman's work and expect to arrange for her to attend nearly all of the Institutes we are now planning for. If you desire information about the Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary or Junior Departments, you may write to her at the address given above.

We have secured the appointment of an Elementary Director in each of the associations visited whose business it will be to furnish information to the State Director upon request, and otherwise co-operate in promoting the elementary work.

I have visited the Mt. Vernon and Murphysboro Schools which are two of the largest in Southern Illinois. Pastor Johnson is doing good work at Winchester. Pastor Howells at Centralia is leading his people in extensive improvements, and seems to have a stronger hold on the church and community than ever. I spent one Sunday at Stonington with Pastor Parsons and his people. It was State Mission Day in the Sunday School and an elaborate program was carried out to the enjoyment of all.

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Our Associations are holding their annual meetings, and good reports are being made, generally. In all plans for the coming months we hope there will come something to assist in the "Drive for Trained Leaders," that is made in all our churches, until Thanksgiving Day. The B. Y. P. U. should be intensely interested in this movement. It is right in line with their own efforts and they should do everything in their power to help it. We need more trained leaders, in every department of our church work.

Our State Director is sending out literature pertaining to this drive. It gives the details of the plan, how to enter, what to do, and the recognition and reward. Let me ask, with all the emphasis possible, that every local B. Y. P. U. "get behind" this movement, aid it in every way possible, encourage their members to engage in these courses, and to faithfully strive to attain them. It would be a good plan for B. Y. P. U. officers to consult with the Bible School officers, and plan with them to make the drive a success.

President Johnson has been "visiting" some of our Associations and reports increasing interest and activity. Bloomington Association, which recently held its meeting at Cornell, was one of those visited, and he says that

President Livingston has great plans for the coming year. They are emphasizing the Standard and the group plan, and in assisting their churches to attain to the Five-Year Program. He also gives reports received from Miss Jessie Horrell, president of Salem Association. They have adopted their "aim" and put it on their stationery so that all may read:

1. Each Union a "Standard."
2. Each Union using the Group plan.
3. Each Union contribution \$3.00 to State B. Y. P. U. work.
4. Each Union represented at the International Convention.
5. Each Union having a Junior Union.

"Some aim," and may they not only aim, but may they "shoot" and hit the mark. Too many of us aim but never shoot.

Ottawa Association B. Y. P. U. held a Labor Day picnic at Starved Rock, and although it rained nearly all morning, quite a number were on hand in the afternoon, and enjoyed meeting one another, playing games, and the refreshments. President Geo. Stalker is also planning great things for the Association, and judging from past performances, they not only plan, but they execute.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
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Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

During the month of September we housed seventy-one children and all have enjoyed exuberant health. This always makes a great demand upon our larder and food stuffs and on the bills these times.

We hope for a large response this year, via donations; last year very little was received because of shortage of vegetables and fruit. However, this year there is a super abundance in Illinois, both of fruit and vegetables and if each household in our territory will make a small donation of potatoes, cabbage, canned corn, canned fruit—anything in eatables, they will not feel a loss but be blessed and the Home will be greatly benefited.

Our receiving home is nearing completion and it presents a real comfortable appearance and will mean much to the comfort and protection of our children.

Here also cash has been meager, however, pledges are slowly coming in. The following cash payments have been made since last report: Rev. J. W. Patterson, ten dollars; Monmouth supply and individual pledges, twenty-one dollars and fifty cents; G. W. Gunter, Kirkwood, five dollars; Arthur Taylor, Mrs. Geo. Pratt, Mrs. M. Miller, of Roseville, five each; J. H. and M. H. Allaman, and D. L. Warner, each five, Rosetta section, H. L. Jewell, Monmouth, five; and H. O. Smith, of Rogers Park, ten dollars. Mrs. Bent Stookey, O. Colwell, E. J. Perine, each one dollar.

Our wheat yield fell a little below our lowest estimate, but its lowest market value was \$971.20, estimated at the price secured for the portion of the crop we sold in order to pay a flour and feed bill, which had accrued. We put in our bins 260 bushels for flour and seed.

The food value of the wheat to be used for flour will be greatly increased by the fact that we have installed a strictly modern French burr mill, and will grind our own flour and meal for table use. We will for the greater part use the whole wheat flour, but we shall be able to bolt out the course bran when we desire to do so.

The grinding of our own wheat and meal will introduce another industrial feature, and we may hope to develop a miller from among our crowd of boys.

We have removed the barn near the main building, and have used the material in a very important addition to our dairy and horse barn, doubling its capacity.

We have gathered from our vines more than 100 bushels of tomatoes, and the matron and her helpers have put them in cans for future use.

We shall soon begin the erection of our new building, 24x60, one story and basement, in which is to be installed our laundry, power and light plant, shoe shop, printing shop, heating plant, flour and feed mill, and such other features as call for the application of power.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson are getting hold of their work in fine shape, and their sincere devotion greatly encourages us

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Rev. Erwin J. Urch recently resigned the pastorate of the Second Church in Mt. Vernon. He seems to have done a strenuous work during the few months he was there, but the church is not strong enough to sustain full-time preaching.

Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., pastor at Carrollton, says "We have had State Mission Day, and it certainly was a great success. We had a combined service and we asked for \$15 to add to our State Convention offering, and got almost \$20. We had the largest Sunday School in the history of the church.

Mr. Arthur B. Hubbard, our student supply pastor at South Wilmington, is compelled to give up his work and go into a higher altitude on account of chronic bronchitis. He seemed to be doing well with the South Wilmington church, and we regret to have him leave at this time.

Rev. Adolph Kelih, our Hungarian Missionary in Granite City, reports that the work is becoming more encouraging. He held street meetings Sunday afternoons and evenings during the summer and was able to reach quite a number in that way. These evening out-door meetings have been attended by from 200 to 300 people. A recent women's meeting in this Hungarian work had 28 present at one time.

Rev. Samuel Hoekstra reports the work at Fairfield as quite hopeful. The attendance at the church services and Sunday School is larger than ever before, or at least for many years. The Sunday evening services on the courthouse square are largely attended. On a recent Wednesday night, there were 35 in the prayer meeting.

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The 73rd Annual Meeting of the Convention



The Convention met in Moline, October 15-18. While Moline is on one side of the state, and not very close to large numbers of Baptists, yet 482 persons enrolled, and a considerable number attended who did not enroll. There was something more than 500 present from outside of Moline. Some of the time the weather was rainy, yet the attendance was good, and the building was crowded each night. The people of Moline and of neighboring churches took care of the people splendidly. The church had its house in fine condition for the Convention and took great care to make everybody comfortable and happy. Pastor Babcock and his wife deserve great credit for their splendid part in this great meeting of the Convention. It is possible to give only a few features of the Convention in the small space for it in the Bulletin. The sermons, on Monday night by Pastor C. W. Gilkey of Chicago, and on Tuesday night by Rev. J. C. Hazen of Peoria, were very good and practical, and Dr. D. O. Hopkins gave a very fine State Convention address on Tuesday night. Dr. W. B. Matteson of New York, was to have spoken on the M. & M. Benefit fund, or the \$1,000,000 Campaign Monday night, but he died in Milwaukee one week previous, and

Dr. J. B. Thomas of Chicago took his place in a very appropriate address.

The all day meeting of women on Tuesday was very good. The M. E. church was crowded all day, and they held an interesting banquet in the evening.

The all day men's meeting on Tuesday was very fine, one of the strong addresses being by Dr. Agar of New York. The State Convention session Wednesday forenoon was interesting. The report of the Board showed all bills paid on October 1, with \$1,949.79 on hand with which to begin work next year. The report showed that the Convention had supported in whole or in part seventy-eight workers last year, and that they reported 1,641 additions to the churches through their work. There was received by the Convention during the year for current work, for the University Church building, and for the permanent fund account, \$48,168.36, but only \$22,303.42 could be spent in current work. There was an increase of \$16,438 in the permanent fund. Twenty-two missionaries and evangelists were present and were introduced to the audience by Superintendent Brand, and each one was given a chance to speak a few words, and they occupied only one hour and four min-

utes. Wednesday afternoon was given up to missionary addresses. Four women appeared upon the platform and were heard with interest, and Dr. J. Y. Aitchison of Boston gave a strong address. Dr. Frank W. Padelford was present and gave one of his characteristic talks on education. Wednesday night Dr. Aitchison again gave a splendid missionary address, and he was followed by Dr. Howard H. Russell of Ohio, the founder of the Anti-Saloon League. It was a very strong temperance address. The large auditorium and side rooms were crowded to their limit. Thursday forenoon was given entirely to the business of the Convention, and Thursday afternoon to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work. Director W. B. Morris, and President Carey R. Johnson, had charge of these exercises. The program was good and well carried out. The B. Y. P. U. continued for one hour at night with several short addresses, and the Convention was closed with a great address from Rev. W. H. Main, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist church of Chicago. Everybody seemed to feel that this was one of our great meetings.

President E. L. Chapin of Springfield, and Rev. E. K. Masterson of Normal, did their work well as president and secretary, and were re-elected for another year. The Convention took hold of the matter of a single collecting agency and appointed a strong committee to make a rapid and thorough investigation and report to the Executive Committee in a brief time. We may be able to establish this system by spring.

The Executive Board meetings were well attended and full of work. A com-

mittee was appointed to raise \$15,000, as Illinois' share of the \$150,000 that the Northern Baptist Convention is raising for the help of the Baptist soldier boys.

The Board took the publishing of the Annual out of the hands of the Superintendent and placed it in the hands of the Convention Secretary. This will release the Superintendent for much more field work than he has been able to do in the past years.

The dinner for the missionaries was one of the best attended and most enjoyable we have had for several years.

The Chicago University and Shurtleff College and general banquets were all very satisfactory.

Rev. Edward Benden, pastor of the Pontiac Church, and Miss Katherine Morrissey, the Superintendent's stenographer, did first class work in reporting the Convention.

Rev. G. W. Kimball of Cornell, as chorus leader, did satisfactory work. The church choir did faithful service at the night sessions.

Rev. H. F. Jones, Dr. N. T. Hafer, Rev. F. L. Church and Rev. Frank M. Dunk, were all reappointed for another year as evangelists and missionaries, and Rev. M. S. Bryant was reappointed pastor at the University Church.

We trust that Moline received some benefit from the meetings, and we feel sure that hundreds of Baptists in the state will often think kindly of the Moline church and its pastor for the splendid way in which they took care of the Convention.

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MANY papers are being blue marked these times. The blue cross means that your paper will stop until you renew your subscription.

THE Pontiac Church, of which Rev. Edward Benden is pastor, sent in nearly 200 subscriptions for the Bulletin. The apportionment of that church for State Missions was \$85 they sent in about \$125. Most churches can do things if they try.

THE four departments of the Convention did some aggressive work last year, and are disposed to do more efficient work next year.

ANEW department was organized, known as the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. department. It will have charge of the Summer Assembly at Alton.

THE Convention took hold in a strong way of the raising of the \$1,000,000 Morehouse Memorial fund for the M. & M. Benefit Fund of the Five Year Program. Illinois Baptists ought to take a strong hand in raising this money.

LET everybody in Illinois get interested in raising the \$15,000 to aid in caring for our Baptist boys who have gone to the front, or who are in training for service. \$15,000 is regarded as our share of \$150,000.

WHILE we came through the past year without a deficit and a little money in the treasury, we have great anxiety for next year. We have provided for a much larger work; everything we undertake is more costly, and there are so many calls for aid in these war times, yet our Illinois Baptists must not forget the State Convention work.

WE have never started on a year when there was so great a call for our people to provide liberally for the Convention as this year upon which we are now starting. We do hope that some Baptists of means in the state will give special donations for the Convention work. Now is the time when people should give large sums for the sake of saving this sinful world.

CHRISTIAN people in America have been piling up such large sums of money or other forms of capital for the future generations, that now we seem to have come to the time when everybody should stop for a few years accumulating and spend all their income in trying to save the world for future generations. Riches piled up will not save the world, but used in the right way it can do much in that direction.

WHERE is no one organization in the Baptist denomination that means so much for the denomination and for saving this suffering world as the State Convention. Let every Baptist be loyal to this great central organization.

LET everyone who has anything to say with regard to the Annual, address the secretary, Rev. E. K. Masterson, Normal, Ill., and not the superintendent, as the publication of the Annual has been transferred from the superintendent to the secretary.

THE WAR

While the English and French show superiority in men and equipment in France and Belgium, the Germans and Austrians have made a great and successful drive on Italy. The Italians had been very successful for a few months in fighting against the Austrians, and had captured many men and much equipment, yet in the great German and Austrian drive they lost all the ground they had gained and much more, and Germany claims 180,000 prisoners. However, the Italians have an army of 3,000,000 men, and this defeat only means a prolongation of the war. The great force of the United States will not be felt in a large way until we get a million men in Europe, and another million in training. The collapse of the Russian government and army enabled the central empires to remove as many men and guns from the Russian lines as were needed for the Italian campaign. The war must continue until the militaristic power of Germany is subdued, or the civilization of the world will be destroyed. Germany's barbarism, her attacks upon unfortified cities, with the destruction of women and children, her submarine warfare—the most barbarous known to humanity—and her awful treatment of conquered territory has turned against her the nations of the world, except the horrible Turk, who is fighting under the direction and control of Germany. Too much property has been lost, and too many millions of men have been slain to stop now until a victory of righteousness has been secured. America has hardly begun to feel the effects of the war yet. It is estimated that about 35,000,000 men are now under arms in the countries at war. Yet we have not

lost faith in God. He is able to overrule and overturn and bring out of this awful carnage a lasting and permanent peace.

THROGMORTONISM

This is somewhat of a new term to many readers of the Bulletin. But why not use it? We use the terms Campbellism, Lutheranism, Dowieism, Eddyism, and others, to indicate the origin of certain isms or cults. There is a religious system in Southern Illinois that nothing else will so well describe to the minds of those well posted in Southern Illinois affairs as Throgmortonism. The substance of the system is an everlasting fight on everything not approved in every detail by Rev. W. P. Throgmorton, D.D., Editor of the Illinois Baptist. He can hardly refer to the Illinois Baptist State Convention without attacking it for receiving into its fellowship the Free Baptists of Southern Illinois, and when he refers to this matter he seems to try to make the impression upon the minds of his readers that Southern Illinois is the only place where that horrible crime has occurred. He does not intimate to them that in the whole territory of the Northern Baptist Convention, thirty-three states, except Southern Illinois, the Free Baptists had already united with the Baptists, and that when the Southern Illinois association expressed a willingness to receive the fifty-four Free Baptist churches in that section, it was in perfect harmony with the Baptists of the Northern Baptist Convention and of Canada.

The most clear-cut, positive, Baptist statements made by representatives of the State Convention will be assailed by him. The seven Baptist statements

printed in the Bulletin in October were reprinted by him, and seven statements selected from here and there in Dr. Strong's theology, placed beside them. The comparison which Dr. Throgmorton tries to make seems silly, especially for a man who claims some strength as a theological writer. He frequently quotes Dr. Strong in referring to the Free Baptists of Southern Illinois, although he does not tell his readers that Dr. Strong never made a single protest against the union of the Free Baptists and the Baptists, and was in perfect harmony with the movement. And yet, he knows that Dr. Strong and the editor of the Bulletin are just as strong and just as clear on the order of the ordinances, and the scriptural qualifications for the Lord's Supper as he is, but the Bulletin and the State Convention will not follow his leadership; hence a perpetual and continued fight. This controversy is carried to the point of dividing churches and associations wherever a few members can be found who will stand for Throgmortonism. Something of this same spirit is found in Western Kentucky, where John Hall used to be the leader, and in Arkansas where J. E. Bogard is leader of the faction. These Western Kentucky, Arkansas and Southern Illinois elements tried to get together a few years ago and organize a Convention in opposition to both the Southern and Northern Conventions, but it failed to materialize.

WITH THE CHURCHES

On Saturday night and Sunday morning, October 20th and 21st, the editor visited the Marseilles church. This church has had a hard time for existence the past few years, but there are some faithful members trying to hold

on to the work. Rev. L. Cruthers, a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary, has supplied them for a year. The people seemed pleased with his work, except that he has not been able to give them sufficient pastoral work. He hopes to give them more time this winter.

Sunday night was spent in the Ottawa church. Rev. G. W. Chessman has been pastor there for several years. The B. Y. P. U. meeting was well attended and good, and the Sunday evening congregation was fine. Brother Chessman is quietly doing a great work at Ottawa. The people express themselves as greatly pleased with him.

The pastor of the Mendota Church expresses himself as much encouraged with the work there. Recently a fine boy was born in the parsonage.

The annual meeting of the Board of the Central Baptist Children's Home was held in Maywood, October 23rd. There were about 150 people present, nearly all women. A good luncheon was served, for which the people paid only twenty-five cents. The new hall, that cost in all \$8,000, was dedicated. This new building makes a great improvement to the orphanage plant. The report showed that the year had closed with all debts paid and money in the treasury, except about \$1500 on the new building. Superintendent and Mrs. MacGillivray seem well adapted to care for the institution. They have all the children they can care for.

Sunday, October 28th, the superintendent spent at St. Mary's in the Salem Association. This is a very old church, and the little town is older than Chicago. The Baptist church is the only one in the village, and in that section of the country. They have a good

parsonage and four acres of ground. Rev. C. H. Wells has just closed quite a successful pastorate with this church and Bethel and has gone to the Flora church in Southern Illinois. This is a good pastorless field, and they are anxious to locate a pastor.

The night was spent in Macomb. The pastor, Rev. H. R. Waldo, has been ten months on the field. The B. Y. P. U. meeting was good, and the Sunday night congregation was one of the finest I have had for a year. The pastor seems to be getting hold of the work in Macomb, and he and his wife are highly appreciated.

The Loda church has been pastorless for two years. Almost no supply work has been done. The superintendent spent Saturday night and Sunday morning, November 3rd and 4th, on that field. On Sunday morning there was a good Sunday school and good congregation. The church voted unanimously to invite Rev. W. H. Beeby of Urbana to visit them, and they hope to make arrangements for him to supply the church for a while. They have a good meeting house and parsonage and considerable membership.

Sunday night was spent in Gilman. Rev. Ernest Cox has been pastor of that church for about three years. Everything indicates good work on the field, and the church and pastor seem much encouraged.

ORDINATION

On Monday afternoon, November 5, a council met in Chatsworth to consider the propriety of ordaining the pastor, Mr. C. E. Shute. There were five pastors and the superintendent present. After a thorough examination it was unanimously voted to proceed with

the ordination. Rev. N. J. Hilton was moderator and Rev. Edward Benden, clerk, and the Editor of the Bulletin preached the sermon. Brother Shute seems to be doing well with the Chatsworth church.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES AND EVANGELISTS

Evangelist F. L. Church is at this time holding a meeting at Raymond Chapel in Chicago. The field seems to be hard, but he is having some success.

Our missionary, Rev. A. P. Rossier, seems to be considerably encouraged with the work at Geneseo. That, for many years, has been one of the most difficult fields for the Baptists, but at the present time the work seems to be hopeful there.

Rev. James M. Wilson seems to be encouraged in his work at Oglesby. He says, "Things are going very nicely so far; the morning congregations are **good**, and the evening congregations are large. The friends are greatly encouraged. I am willing to work to the limit of my strength for the good of the cause here."

Our missionary church at Sullivan has again suffered great loss by removals of members. The pastor says, "So many of our families have moved away; one to Oklahoma, one to Texas, one to Windsor, one to Villa Grove, and one to Chicago Heights." We hope the Villa Grove and Chicago Heights pastors will look after these new families coming into their fields from Sullivan.

Rev. C. F. Stalker, our evangelist for Southern Illinois, held a meeting during the month of October at Christopher. That is a very weak church, and they are greatly in need of a meet-

ing house. Brother Stalker seems to have had a good meeting, with a few conversions. He is at this time engaged in meetings at Boskey Dell.

Rev. L. B. Trites of Danville, assisted by his wife and daughter, conducted a meeting at Tuscola in October. The evangelist says, "The membership were brought together in a fine spirit of co-operation. Four persons were baptized and four were admitted by letter." Tuscola is still pastorless.

Rev. E. H. Fletcher, our colored missionary for the state, reports the work at Dixon as growing and the outlook more encouraging. He also writes that the outlook at East Moline for a strong church is hopeful.

Rev. A. Madison, the colored missionary of the Wood River Association, who was at Moline and was given the privilege of taking an offering at the door as the people went out, receipted to the State Convention for \$31.25 for money received at Moline. This money will be used toward building the meeting house in Mattoon which was destroyed by the cyclone last May.

Evangelist F. M. Dunk assisted Rev. L. W. Hostetter in meetings at Orion immediately following the State Convention in Moline. The results of the meeting have not yet been reported.

Our State Convention missionary, Dr. N. T. Hafer, spent ten or twelve days in October with the Pekin church. This church has been pastorless for about a year and a half, and was getting pretty well run down. Brother Hafer's work has put new life into the church and they now seem ready to take hold vigorously and secure a pastor.

Rev. F. M. Dunk assisted Pastor Lockert of Deer Park church for three weeks in a meeting the latter part of September and early part of October. The meetings were good and seemed to be appreciated by the people, but there were not many additions to the church.

Evangelist F. L. Church held a second meeting with the Second Church of Mt. Vernon the latter part of September and first part of October. The meetings were reported to be very interesting, but the church is again without a pastor.

Rev. W. E. Schliemann, pastor of the Edgewood Church in Rock Island is raising money for a new meeting house. They have purchased a new location and are now planning to build a new house when they can sell their old property.

Rev. V. Colbert has just closed a meeting at North Venice, where he baptized ten and received two by letter. \$75 was pledged to paint the church building, and \$68 for the work of the evangelist. The church was re-organized, and they have called a student from Shurtleff College to supply them.

The Bloomington Association Committee on the Morehouse Memorial Million of the M. & M. Benefit Fund, held a meeting in Chatsworth November 5th. They are planning to raise \$4,000 in the Bloomington Association. The members of the committee made liberal subscriptions themselves.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR OCTOBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Advertising in Bulletin	\$ 8.00
Allen, Julia, Normal Church40
Alton, First church	66.00
Antioch Ch. (Rock Island Assn.)	26.00
*Ashland church	35.00
Ashley church	5.00
Auburn church	31.00
Aurora, Claim St., church	27.00
*Benson church	13.00
Bethany church, (Alton Assn.)	20.00
Blandinsville S. S.	4.50
Bloomington church	100.00
*Bois d'Arc church	12.65
Bois d'Arc S. S.	8.85
*Bushnell church	15.35
Cairo, First church	53.00
Cambridge church	8.41
*Carbondale church	76.00
Carlinville S. S.	2.54
*Chatham church	7.00
Chicago, Albany*Park church	7.50
Chicago, Austin church	141.74
Chicago, Englewood church	20.00
Chicago, First church	15.29
*Chicago, LaSalle Ave., church	23.00
Chicago, Millard Ave., church	25.00
Chicago, Normal Park church	50.00
Chicago, Parkside Church	15.00
Chicago, Ravenswood church	22.00
Chicago, Rogers Park church	15.00
Chicago, Roseland church	23.00
Chicago, Second church	375.00
*Chrisman church	7.60
Chrisman, M. Isabella, Buda church	5.00
Chrysop, Mrs. Kate H., Barry church	
Special Evangelistic Fund	25.00
Clinton church	18.00
Collected in evangelistic meetings (Dunk and Church)	136.97
Cordova church	18.75
Cordfova Ch., Rev. Frank Woodhull	5.00
Custer Park church	3.00
*DeKalb church	52.00
East Moline Special Fund	25.00
Edinburg church	9.50
Edwardsville church	2.88
Elgin, First church	100.00
*Elgin, Immanuel church	10.00
El Paso church	75.00
Elvaston church	3.25
*Enon church	4.75
*Erie church	15.25
*Fairbury church	44.00
*Fairfield church	11.00
Fairfield S. S.	2.75
Fairmount church	2.00
Farmount S. S.	5.00
Farmersville S. S.	6.80
Flora church	10.00
Foley, Rev. J. F., St. Mary's Ch.	5.00
*Girard church	27.00

Gill, Mrs. Jennie P.	
Special Evangelistic Fund	5.00
*Glasford Church	3.00
*Graymont Church	6.56
Havana church	7.32
Home Mission Society	205.24
Hoopeston church	26.00
*Hudson church	45.00
Interest	100.00
Joliet, First church	9.00
*Kane church	20.00
Kewanee church	60.00
Kirkland, Rev. R. S. Urbana ch. (5 and 6)	10.00
LaGrange church	20.00
*LaMarsh church	13.00
*LaMoille church	44.00
*LaSalle church	25.00
Lemming, Charles, Percy	10.00
Lexington church	4.50
Litchfield church	10.00
Literberry church	10.00
MacGillivray, Rev. D. H., Maywood	5.00
Madison church	7.00
Madison S. S.	3.00
Mendota church	35.00
Miles, Rev. Harry E., Walnut Ch.	5.00
Morris church	30.00
Morrison S. S.	2.10
*Mt. Sterling church	7.00
Mt. Vernon First church	60.00
*Murphysboro church	42.65
Nokomis S. S.	7.37
*Normal church	29.12
Northern Baptist Convention	150.00
*Olney church	14.15
Oreana church	8.00
Payson church fund	31.70
Pastoral Union collection, at Conven- tion	28.88
*Pawnee church	5.00
Petersburg S. S.	1.45
Pisgah church	44.00
*Plainfield church	19.00
Pleasant Grove ch (Bloomfield Asso- ciation)	2.50
Pleasant Grove S. S. (Peoria Assn.)	1.05
Pontiac S. S.	10.00
Roberts, H. C., Murphysboro, Special Evangelistic Fund	5.00
Robinson church	2.35
Rock Island, Edgewood S. S.	3.20
Rodhouse S. S.	7.00
Rinewalt, J. M., Mt. Carroll Ch.	200.00
Savanna church	15.00
*Sciota church	6.00
Shabbona S. S.	1.37
*Silvis church	10.00
Sparland B. Y. P. U.	1.00
*Springfield Central church	76.00
Southern Illinois Association	30.00
*St. Anne church	5.00
State Convention collection	52.06
State Convention collection for the Colored church at Mattoon	31.00
Swords, Wm., Peoria Bethany ch. (4)	5.00

Tampico church	9.00
Tiskilwa church	2.00
Thomas S. S.	1.50
*Urbana, First church	133.00
University church fund	48.00
*Villa Grove church	9.53
*Walnut church	16.00
*Wasco church	4.00
*Wauconda church	3.00
Waverly church	15.00
*West Pullman church	10.00
*Wheaton church	17.00
*Woodstock church	2.63
York Church	3.00
Total	\$3808.96

PERSONALS

Rev. Walter J. Sparks is now engaged in raising a fund of \$250,000 for Peddie Institute in New Jersey. He writes that the trustees of the college have subscribed \$150,000 of the amount.

Rev. George H. Yule, assisted by Mrs. Yule, closed a successful meeting at Lake Zurich, Ill., Tuesday night, October 2nd. The meetings continued two weeks resulting in nine being baptized and two others being received by experience. These people came from the Episcopal, Methodist, and Disciple churches, and others that have not been affiliated with any church, but were willing to unite on one common basis of a New Testament Organization. Thus they were organized into a Baptist Church. The Sunday School was also organized on Sunday afternoon with a full corps of officers and teachers, with a great deal of interest. Rev. Yule did a good work under the most difficult circumstances, as this town has never had any services except those conducted by the German Lutherans. Dr. F. L. Anderson was present on the last night and gave a very stirring address on the Christian life. The work will be looked after by the Executive Council of Chicago. Mrs. Bessie Norton,

Clerk at Lake Zurich.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Minor Stevens, after about seven years' work at Murphysboro, closed his pastorate November 1st, and accepted the pastorate of the First Church at Vincennes, Indiana. Brother Stevens did a fine work at Murphysboro during his pastorate, and we wish him similar success in his Indiana pastorate.

Rev. Henry H. Ford resigned the pastorate of the Elliott Avenue Church in Springfield September 23rd, to take effect November 30th. Mr. Ford reports that in the two or three years he has been pastor of that church 201 have united with the church, 149 by baptism and that 3,700 has been paid out on improvements on the meeting house, \$2,200 of that had been raised and the remaining \$1,500 secured in good pledges.

Rev. E. H. Lyle of Fairbury has resigned the pastorate of that church, to take effect on or before January 1st. He has been pastor there for several years.

The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Department of the State Convention, of which John Ruthven is chairman, held its first meeting in Chicago, November 6th. John Ruthven, W. B. Morris, N. J. Hilton, Herbert Hines, E. K. Masterson and E. P. Brand were present. Masterson and Brand are not members of the Department. For several hours very careful and substantial work was done.

"The Christian Standard of Cincinnati, the organ of the orthodox branch of the Disciples, claims that the Disciples are a rebuke to the divisions in the church and that they point the people of all creeds to the only basis of union and efficiency. The most hopeful thing we know about the Disciples is that this piece of high church effrontery which makes them the laughing-stock of other denominations, is believed by fewer of them every year."

CHURCHES

Rev. J. H. Hughes, a graduate of William Jewell College, and for some time a student at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, has spent great success on that field. There have been many additions to the church, and the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. have been greatly built up.

The El Paso Church has rendered a two-fold benefit by one contribution. The members of that church raised \$100 and purchased a liberty bond, thus helping our government to that extent, and then donated this liberty bond to the Morehouse Memorial Million for the M. & M. Benefit Fund, and in that way that organization received \$100.

Evangelist R. Sam Kirkland held a revival meeting at the Mahomet church from September 23rd, until October 14th. He found the church in a very cold condition, but there was great success in the meetings. It is reported that before Evangelist Kirkland left he had baptized forty-nine converts and fourteen others had been approved for baptism. Eight united with the church by letter and former experience. Eighty three persons made a profession of faith. Of the seventy-one additions to the church thirty-four were males and thirty-seven females. On the last day of the meeting three-fourths of the church budget for the coming year was pledged, and \$365 raised for the evangelist. The people expressed themselves as well pleased with Dr. Kirkland's work.

Rev. L. A. Miller, pastor of the Cambridge church, writes: "At the close of the prayer meeting last Wednesday night, the church gave us a donation of \$16.00 in money, and groceries,

amounting in all to about \$25.00."

The Claim Street church of Aurora, of which Rev. T. L. Stephens is pastor, seems to be doing good work. They raised their apportionment for the State Convention and raised money to send their pastor to the annual meeting of the State Convention in Moline. They are looking forward with a great deal of interest to revival meetings the coming winter.

Rev. E. L. Krumreig, D.D., is having considerable interest in his work in Danville. On September 30th, he had two exceptionally large congregations of people who came out to hear the morning sermon on the subject, "The Armageddon Conflict," and in the evening to hear the topic, "The Biblical View of the Armageddon," discussed. About half the congregation were strangers, and they seemed pleased with the sermons.

The Morris Church, of which Rev. J. C. Richardson has been pastor for many years, is greatly repairing its meeting house, and will have the re-opening December 2nd. The editor of the Bulletin will be present that day for the morning and evening services. Brother Richardson is doing good work on that field.

"The Virden Church has had a prosperous year; all debts paid; peace and harmony prevailing. Forty-six additions, thirty-two by baptism; outlook good for future work."

"Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell of Waverly celebrated their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary at the Baptist parsonage Tuesday, September 25th, the hours being from nine to eleven a.m. for the older people; and from two to four for the married people of middle age, and from seven to ten p.m. for the

young people. The house was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers. and the young ladies of the church assisted in receiving the friends and in serving luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell received many gifts, indicating the high esteem in which they are held."

"The First Baptist church of Mokence, Illinois, in appreciation of the services of Rev. Chesley A. Morehouse, who has been our Acting Pastor for several weeks, passed the following resolutions:

"We heartily and unanimously recommend him for further service to our sister churches.

"Brother Morehouse, who believes the scriptures, preaches excellent sermons, plays the cornet, sings, conducts and does everything joyfully, has assisted materially in all departments of our church life, coming to us as he did at a time when we needed a good leader."

We believe there is much carelessness in bringing children into the church. Some children are capable of believing in the Lord Jesus quite early and they should be encouraged to accept Christ early in life, but in every case there should be the experience of regeneration before baptism and church membership. This change of heart can be detected in the child as well as in the adult, but great care should be taken to find the evidence of regeneration either in the case of a child or of an adult before they are encouraged to be baptized or to join the church.

FOREIGNERS IN ILLINOIS

The following points on the foreigners in Illinois and America were taken from an address given by Rev. F. L. Anderson of Chicago:

Foreign born in this country in 1910—1,202,560—21 3-10 percent.

Foreign parentage in 1910—1,723,847—30 6-10 percent.

The following gives the number of foreigners in a few Illinois cities in 1910:

	Foreign Born.	Foreign Parentage.
Aurora	6,702	10,577
Bloomington	3,407	6,904
Danville	1,998	4,874
Decatur	2,442	5,466
E. St. Louis ..	9,450	12,799
Elgin	5,661	9,787
Joliet	10,441	13,967
Peoria	8,810	19,936
Quincy	3,641	12,224
Springfield	6,900	13,855
Rockford	13,828	15,973
Chicago	783,301	1,693,918

Foreign parentage, of course, includes the foreign born.

There are 1,000 Polish saloon keepers in Chicago. A Bohemian banker in Chicago gave \$16,000 in one year for atheistic propaganda. The newer immigration has given \$4,000,000 to the Roman Catholic Church in ten years. The Baptists are now carrying on missionary work in Illinois among the Bohemians, Poles, Slovaks, Hungarians, Roumanians, Letts and Chinese. These seven nationalities are of the newer immigrants. Mission work is also being done among the Scandinavians, Germans, Italians and others.

"The final figures for the religious census of 1916 are as follows: Methodists, sixteen bodies, 7,608,284; Baptists, fifteen bodies, 6,534,132; Lutherans, twenty-one bodies, 2,454,334; Presbyterians, twelve bodies, 2,171,601; Protestant Episcopal, two bodies, 1,078,435. Of the half million gained by all, 136,000 count in the Methodist group; 132,000 in the Baptist, 67,522 in the Presbyterian; 26,739 in the Protestant Episcopal; 20,150 in the Lutheran."

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

The annual meeting held in Moline was a great success and was attended by more than 300 women. It was of intense interest from the beginning to the closing hour. The cordial greetings by women of the several entertaining churches and hearty words of welcome by Miss Alwilda Young, made us feel at home immediately. The reports of the state officers and the various topics discussed under the leadership of women from different parts of the state were full of interest and information. One of the most encouraging features was the recognition and reports of the Associational presidents and delegates. All associations but one were represented.

The addresses by Miss Sundell, a missionary under the W. A. B. H. M. S., and Mrs. MacLeish, who gave verbal pictures of the stations where Miss Rawlings, Miss Bissinger and Miss Logergren, who are Illinois girls, are working, and the closing exercise by seventeen young ladies, brought the session to a happy ending.

There was great interest in the study books. On the morning of Wednesday at 8:30, there were 54 women assembled to hear of the "African Trail." At 12:15 of the same day, 76 women came together to hear of the "Sons of Italy." The reading contest for the new year is now on. Rock Island Association was awarded the beautiful silver loving cup for having read

the largest number of books for the year just closed. Write to Mrs. C. M. Church, Belvidere, for the leaflets containing lists of the books required for the coming year. Aim to have your association take the cup home next October from the meeting in Kewanee.

A beautiful "Standard of Excellence" poster has been prepared for our Mission Circles in Illinois. Have one hung in your church. By placing a gold star before each topic as you attain it, interest and enthusiasm will be greatly increased. Only 12 cents is required to bring you the posters and stars from 706 Douglas Ave., Elgin.

What a help the young women were at the State Meeting. Every young woman who did not attend the W. W. G. Banquet missed a treat. Over 200 enjoyed it. Toastmistress and all who responded were W. W. G. workers. Illinois mothers, work for the W. W. G., that our daughters may be as cornerstones. Soon they will take our places and should be better equipped than we were.

Moline was a splendid place for the convention. Every courtesy was extended by Rev. and Mrs. Babcock, also by all other Baptists. We all wish to go again.

We expect to get the Annual Report in every circle president's hands by December 15th. Plan for State Afternoon in January.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



W. B. Morris,
Ashley, Illinois.
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
Director.

Mrs. Edna R. Hoffman,
1612 29th St., Rock Island.
Elementary Grade Director.'

The State Convention held in Moline was one of the best I have attended. An excellent spirit prevailed throughout, and much real progress was made. A department of Sunday School and Young People's Work was created and the following persons named as members of it: John Ruthven, Morgan Park; R. M. Utterback, Mattoon; Rev. N. J. Hilton, Minonk; Owen Scott, Decatur; Rev. H. W. Hines, El Paso; Carey R. Johnson, Princeton; W. B. Morris, Ashley.

The Department will hold a meeting in the very near future and organize for aggressive work for the coming year.

Mr. Johnson, who has done such excellent work during the past year, was re-elected as president of the State B. Y. P. U. Miss Davis finally decided to comply with the wishes of the committee and was chosen as State Secretary.

The following is part of the report of the State Director for the year ending September 30th. Miles traveled, 20,874, churches visited, 111; schools visited, 46; sermons preached, 82; addresses delivered, 172; conversions, 74; families visited, 121; letters sent, 5228; circulars, 1050; institutes held, 15; certificates granted, 62; teacher training leaflets distributed, 772; teacher training books sold, 63; Young People's So-

cieties visited, 22, societies organized, 7; general rallies arranged, 4; evangelistic meetings conducted, 3. Work outside of the state, addressed the Wisconsin State Convention, taught in the city institutes in Indianapolis and St. Louis, and in the Summer Assemblies in Kansas and Indiana.

Our Elementary Director, Mrs. Hoffman, attended 10 Associations and appointed Associational Directors in nearly all of them. She is already engaged for several institutes. Her work is well received everywhere she speaks.

I attended the Rally and Promotion Day exercises at the Normal Park Sunday School and spoke to the several departments October 7. In the evening I preached to a congregation of about fifteen hundred at the Olivet Baptist church (Colored), Chicago. This church claims a membership of 5,200.

One Sunday was spent with the Bethel church, Rock Island Association. The services were well attended. In the evening nearly two thirds of the congregation were men. Rev. W. H. Dickman is the pastor and is doing a good work on this field.

Dr. A. A. Holtz of Milwaukee delivered the Sunday School address at the State Convention. It was a fine message and well received. Dr. Holtz is State Director of Sunday School and Young People's Work for Wisconsin.

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The annual meeting of the State Union was held at Moline, in connection with the State Convention, Thursday, October 18th. The President's report gave an outline of the entire work, and showed progress in every way. He had a large number of Unions striving to attain the Standard, and enough of them reached the goal to put us in the third place, among the states. Many other Unions attained large percentages, just missing the 100 per cent. Thousands of letters were written by the President and his various helpers.

The training and development of the young people in all our churches was emphasized as the great goal of our organization. Interest in this work of conservation seems to be increasing. One hundred and twenty-six delegates from our state attended the International B. Y. P. U. A. Convention at Detroit. More Unions contributed to the support of our state work than ever before, an indication that this work is interesting more of the young people. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Carey R. Johnson, Princeton; vice-presidents, North, Miss Alice Coonrad, Chicago; Central, Henry Livingstone, El Paso; South, Harold Howard, Mount Vernon; General Secretary, Miss Allie Gene Davis, Mattoon; Treasurer, Robert Hoffman, Rock Island.

The annual meeting of 1918 will be held at Kewanee.

This is President Johnson's second year and we rejoice in it because we believe in the old "saw," "One good year deserves another." With such a band of helpers, who are all young people of experience in B. Y. P. U. work, and with the knowledge and experience of one year, we believe President Johnson is going to accomplish great things for the Kingdom, our organization, and and our young people during the coming year. In order to do this, however, he must have united support of all of us. "You, in your small corner, and I in mine" must try and DO something that will count. Simply giving your assent to the work, and to the activities proposed, will not accomplish much. "Start something" in your own Union. Our big drive now is the Standard, and for "Trained Leaders." Consult with the Superintendent of your Bible school and work together. There should be closer co-operation between the "Teaching, and Training" forces of our churches.

Our churches need "trained leaders"—our B. Y. P. U. can, and should supply the material, the very best material for such leaders. They are the "future church" visible.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Another year has passed in the history of the Home, and it is with a feeling of deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we acknowledge His divine favor over us.

There have been no deaths nor serious sickness, though we have had constantly 65 children, and once we reached 73; altogether there have been 129 cared for in the Home during the year. The annual meeting of the Board was held at the Home the 23rd of October, and though the weather was inclement, there was a good attendance and good interest manifested. Among other important things done, the Receiving Cottage was dedicated. We were sorry to have to dedicate the building with a debt of \$3000 hanging over it. However we hope this may not remain long, because a debt upon a charitable institution is a disastrous thing. It curtails the work that ought to be done for unfortunate children.

If 100 individuals will give \$30 each the debt will be raised and the individuals will be benefactors in the interest of the needy children.

Pledge cards were handed to the people at the annual meeting, but only a few were returned signed up. I trust that those who have pledged and those who propose to give to us will do so promptly.

The Home sustained a great loss in the death of Brother H. E. Goodman. He gave largely of his thought and money to make possible the new building, as well as to liberally support current expenses.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS
Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

The health of our children is uniformly good, there being little occasion for calling our physician.

The farm crops have been gathered and stored for winter use. Our two silos are well filled with good silage and with a good supply of hay in stacks and barn our feed for the cattle and horses is sufficient for the winter months.

We have stored away sufficient table supplies in potatoes, canned fruits and vegetables, dried beans, etc., to give us a good start toward food for the children.

We are feeding enough hogs to supply our need for meat and lard, and are also feeding a three year old steer to help out. This does not mean that we do not expect some "meatless days." Indeed nearly all the meat we use comes on the tables in the form of gravy, rather than solid meat. The beef will be put in cans and preserved as soup stock; that is, the greater part of it.

Two teachers are employed in our school work. One is furnished by the public school directors, they having rented for a nominal sum our school rooms and opened a public school for the benefit of our children. Mrs. Olson, wife of the assistant superintendent, teaches seventh and eighth grades.

During the rest of this year and until Spring seeding is on, we will be pushing our general improvements and gathering funds for that purpose. We are hopeful that our friends will not wait for the coming of the superintendent, but send in the cash to help us along.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

THE NEED OF AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Why do we need an old people's home? This is a question that someone is asking. If this world were heaven, there would be no old people's homes. Fifty years ago when there were no flats or apartments, houses had a generous number of bed chambers, and grandfather or grandmother was just as really a member of the household as any of the children. To-day we have a wonderful civilization full of all sorts of conveniences, and among these, are old people's homes.

It is no uncommon sight today to see gray hairs begging bread, and every community has its aged people who live "on the town" or "at the county farm." The fact is, that there is an increasing number of people who are growing old, with the prospect of homelessness and friendlessness before them. Only one who is in touch with this work knows of the fear that so many have that when they have become aged and weakened they may have to drop out of the world which once knew them, and be forgotten and uncared for in the alms-house. So to meet a real need the churches provide a real home for those members of our churches who might otherwise have to become the recipients of an unsympathetic public charity.

Why do not old people live with their children? The considerable number who are childless do not come under the question. Some few do live with children; and often happily. But many

of those who have children visit from home to home. They have no real home, just transfer stations. If they are real cheery, and can be helpful, they are wanted. But, if it is otherwise, they visit.

Old people need a real home. At Oak Forest, our Cook County Home for the infirm, they sleep seventy-five beds or so in a room, and their clothes and few possessions go into a locker. At the Catholic Homes for the aged, such as the "Little Sisters of the Poor" collect for, they are cared for in much the same way. In our Old People's Home at Maywood, there is a room for each one, with the thought of possession and privacy. And throughout it all there is a ministry of love that comes from Christian churches that care.

A sweet faced, weary woman was led by the matron along the hall to the room she was to have at the Home. They entered the room and the little old woman sat down in the easy rocking chair near the dresser and looked about her at the pleasant room. "Is this to be my room," she said, "and am I really a member of the Home now?" The matron assured her that it was all true. The new member began to weep in a silent sort of way. "Why, my dear, what is the trouble?" said the matron. "I couldn't help it when I thought that I would never have to go visiting from home to home any more, and could stay here always."

David T. Magill,
Secretary of the Board.

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Christmas



Christmas is coming soon. It was on the night that Jesus was born that the angel choir sang "Peace upon earth, good will to men," and yet there has never been a Christmas since Jesus was born when so nearly the whole world was in warfare as now. However, all that is good in this warfare, contending for national righteousness, the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., etc., came from the true spirit of Christianity. The war started because some nations, or at least their rulers, had completely forgotten the true spirit of Christianity. Let us this year pass by much of the foolishness that usually accompanies Christmas and try to get close to Christ. Everybody ought to send some remembrance to the soldier boys for Christmas, but let us expend less in costly, but often almost useless, presents upon our friends at home. Let us make it a day of gladness, but at the same time a day of real worship. Let us be glad that the place where Jesus was born is no longer in the hands of the Turks, but in the possession of a Christian nation, for at the time of this writing news comes that Jerusalem, after being in the hands of the Turks for 1200 years, has fallen into the hands of the English, and Bethlehem of course will fare the same as Jerusalem.

The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Fund has the right of way among the churches for December. Dr. Tomlinson and his workers want to get the Million Dollar Morehouse Memorial Fund in a few weeks. That will make \$2,000,000 in the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Fund which has been accumulated in about seven years. Let all Baptists in Illinois affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention help cheerfully and liberally in raising this fund.

Rev. G. E. Milford has been supplying the Latham Church for half time for more than one year, and the work there seems encouraging. Brother Milford lives near Hettick and supplies that church for half time. There is good interest in that church. Some time ago he held a meeting resulting in twelve additions.

The First Church of Rock Island, of which Rev. J. C. Oranger is pastor, is making good progress. During the three months of the present pastorate, thirty members have been added to the church, eleven by baptism, and twenty more were expected in a week or two at last report.

THE COLLEGES AND THE WAR

REV. FRANK L. PADELFORD

One thing the war has already demonstrated and that is the immense practical value to the nation of the American college. Take the contribution of our oldest American college as an example. Harvard has contributed 5,429 men to the war. 2000 are in the army, 713 in the navy, 1000 in the officers training camps, 122 in foreign armies, 420 in ambulance service, 229 in Red Cross field work, 216 professors giving all or part time to the government. The college has conducted at its own expense an officers training camp, a radio school with 2,000 men and a naval cadet school. It is operating four base hospitals in Europe from its medical school. What Harvard is doing most other colleges are doing in proportion to their numbers and strength. Over 40,000 young men who were students in college a year ago, are now in the national service. Over 85 per cent of the new officers are college students or college graduates.

In the hour of national crisis the college has been the nation's greatest asset. What has been so clearly demonstrated in war times we shall now be ready to recognize is true at all times. Money invested in colleges has been money well invested.

We shall not have to argue again the practical value of education. It does not merely teach men to read dead languages. It prepares them for leadership in the most strenuous tests of life. The lesson of the war is so absolutely clear that every boy and girl who can possibly do it ought to secure an education, and there is a way for every one who has the will.

Our Board of Education is doing every thing it can to bring these lessons home to our Baptist people throughout the Northern Baptist Convention.

The State Convention at its meeting in Moline in October, took up the question of federation of Baptist churches with churches of other denominations. After a lengthy general statement and preamble, the following statement and recommendations were unanimously passed, with possibly one dissenting vote:

"We deprecate the tendency of some of our people, both among the laity and the ministry, to lose denominational identity by federating, merging, or otherwise entering into relations that make it impossible to present a clear and forceful statement of Baptist principles. We believe that strong, vigorous Baptist churches, functioning as such in their several communities, is the most feasible and effective manner of realizing the spiritual ideal of Jesus.

"Therefore, we desire to recommend:

First—That any individual church entering into relationship with another denomination, which relations involve the silencing or eliminating of our Baptist message, shall thereby cease to be recognized as a Baptist church.

"Second—That any of our Baptist churches looking forward to any move that affects the relation of the church to the denomination should secure the counsel and advice of the larger denominational units.

"Third—That we regard church property as a sacred trust inherited from the past and to deliver such property thus inherited to another body of people is a violation of moral rights.

"Fourth—That any Baptist minister who becomes pastor of any federated church which implies silencing any of those principles which differentiate us from other denominations, shall, by such action, cease to be recognized as one of our ministry, and his name shall cease to be mentioned as one of our accredited ministers, or published in the Annual as such."

"Rev. Geo. W. Stoddard of Dixon, Ill., finds Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, a real factor in his church life. He is scoutmaster. The church is pleased with the results following the every-member canvass of a year ago and is now preparing for the canvass for the new church year."

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THE WAR

A MERICAN soldiers, supplies and ammunition have been shipped to France more rapidly than most Americans have known.

S O FAR as is known, not one American soldier has lost his life in transportation to Europe. The submarine has failed in that particular.

W E, AT this time, are living in the most strenuous period of the world's history, a time when almost the whole world, including our own country, is at war.

W E cannot expect to live in the usual way. This is a time of strenuousness. People are doing big things. The world never needed active religion and missionary work so much as now. Where people were formerly giving one dollar or ten dollars for religious and missionary work, they should now give by tens and hundreds.

O UR church and missionary work must now be kept up at home and pushed to a much higher standard or civilization will be hopelessly lost as a result of this war. Let Christian people, like the soldier boys who are sacrificing their lives for their country, be willing to sacrifice largely for the Kingdom of Christ.

I T IS estimated that if the war should continue until June 1919, the United States will have expended in the war and loans to the Allies, the amount of \$36,000,000,000. The war of the Rebellion in the Sixties cost the government about \$3,500,000,000 during the period of four and one-half years.

P OSSIBLY by next June America will have one million men in Europe and another million in training camps. America was forced into this war. President Wilson kept us out for nearly three years, but when we went in we went in to win, at whatever cost of men or means.

R USSIA has practically gone to pieces as a military power, and Italy has lost much in the late German drive, but Germany has lost all her foreign possessions, nearly all her merchant vessels interned in foreign ports, and men and material and means at home almost without estimate.

T HERE seems to be but little feeling of bitterness on the part of Americans toward the German people, but the feeling is strong that the Russian militaristic autocracy shall be defeated, in the interest of all nations and the German people as well.

**\$15,000 FROM ILLINOIS FOR THE
BENEFIT OF OUR BAPTIST
SOLDIER BOYS**

The Northern Baptist Convention appointed a committee to conserve the spiritual interests of our Baptist boys who enlisted or were drafted into the service. As the work required haste and money was needed, this committee borrowed \$70,000 so as to do the work that was needed to be done at once. Our State Convention Board in Moline last October voted to raise one-tenth of this

amount in Illinois, and a committee was appointed to carry out the resolution. So many things were claiming the attention of our people the past fall, it was decided to raise this amount in the month of February. Rev. E. L. Killam, Associate Editor of the Standard, has been secured for this work; see his article on the last page of this issue of the Bulletin. Let everybody be ready to give liberally in February for this work.

Good missionary work is now being done among our boys at Rockford. About \$6,000 of this \$15,000, will be asked for the work at Camp Grant, near Rockford. While one million of our young men are now giving, and another million before 12 months are past will be giving all their time, risking their lives, and perhaps many tens of thousands of them will sacrifice their lives for their country and for freedom, is any true American willing to stay at home and accumulate money during the war? Americans should try hard to make money and economize to save it, and then spend it all during the war for the good of humanity. People have had plenty of time to pile up money before the war, and they may have time after the war, but during the war all income should be spent to save modern civilization.

SINGLE COLLECTING AGENCY

The State Convention at its meeting in October voted favorably for a single collecting agency, in some measures such as they have in Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Missouri. The main features of the plan is for one office and one man to have charge of collecting all the budgets of Home and Foreign Missions, Wo-

men's Missions, Publication Society, State Convention, and any other funds that are apportioned to the churches. A committee was appointed to work out some scheme and report to the Executive Committee. The committee has done its work and reported to the Executive Committee as follows:

That a Single Collecting Agency be established with office in Chicago;

That the State Convention office be continued down-state:

That the Single Collecting agent be responsible for creating intelligent enthusiasm in the state for all missionary and benevolent offerings;

That all missionary endeavors in the state for raising money shall be done in co-operation with him.

That the expenses of this office shall be paid by all the co-operating societies in proportion to the amount of money raised for each.

The Executive Committee unanimously adopted the recommendations of the Committee and authorized the Superintendent to call a meeting of the Board of the State Convention as soon as the Nominating Committee has secured a man for the office in Chicago. Some states put this whole business in the office of the Superintendent of Missions, but the Committee, with one exception, felt strongly that that could not be done in Illinois, that with the large constituency, the extreme length of the state north and south, and the situation as it is in Southern Illinois, that the State Convention office should be down-state.

The Single Collecting Agency office should be in the Great City, and yet that city is too far to one end of the state for the Convention office. With conditions as they are in Illinois, if the

whole work were in one office under one man, either the finances or the State Convention work, or both, would be neglected. The establishment of this office will not cost the denomination more, perhaps not so much, as when Dr. Aitchison had his office in Chicago, and besides Home and Foreign Missions it will take in the women's work and four or five other interests.

MEANDERINGS OF SUPERINTENDENT

On Monday, November 6th, the new department of B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work met in Chicago. Mr. John Ruthven of Morgan Park is the chairman. The department did very faithful work during a whole afternoon. The question of Summer Assembly was taken up and left undecided for the present. Two questions were discussed in the Committee:

1. Whether or not to postpone the Assembly until the summer of 1919 on account of war conditions this year, and

2. Whether or not two assemblies shall be held, one in the Training School in Chicago, for Northern Illinois, and one at Alton for central and Southern Illinois.

These questions will be settled soon.

On November 10th, the editor visited Camp Grant near Rockford. This is a city of about 35,000 people, constructed in about four or five months, and it seems like a comfortable place of living. The soldiers looked like a fine lot of men. If each one of our laymen could visit one of these camps and see how these fine looking young men are not only giving their time during the war, but risking their lives for the sake of our civilization, they would not feel like staying at home and laying up money

during the war, but would try to make all the money they can and give all their profit and in many cases some of their surplus capital for the moral and religious work of the world just now. No person, it seems to me, who stays at home should attempt to accumulate any money while the war lasts.

Sunday morning, November 11th, was given to the Stillman Valley church. This little church lost its meeting house by being struck by lightning last May. There was a good insurance and the church is well endowed, and it could easily rebuild, but there are only about twelve or fifteen resident members, and nearly all of the population is Swedish, with two Swedish mission churches in the village. The church voted not to rebuild at present; that all its property should be used for Baptist work; that they would turn over from \$200 to \$300 annually to Baptist Missions and war work; and that if at any time they should give up there, all the property should be turned over to the State Convention to be held in trust for that place, in case Baptist work could ever be started there again.

Sunday night was given to Rochelle, where we held a conference with the people about locating a pastor. We hope a man will be located soon.

Monday and Tuesday the Superintendent spent in Chicago in Committee meeting and other work.

Friday, November 16th, was given to the Missionary Committee of the Southern Illinois Association at West Frankfort. An all day meeting was held and the matter of an evangelist for that association thoroughly discussed. It was hoped that a man could be found to give all his time to evangelistic work in that association. Rev.

C. F. Stalker is spending three months this fall in evangelistic work on that territory.

Saturday night and Sunday morning, November 17th and 18th, the Editor gave to the Claim Street church in Aurora. The pastor, Rev. Thaddeus Stephens, was very sick much of the time last winter and spring, but is in good health now. He seems to be doing good work on that field. The church has been weakened by quite a number of young men going into the army. The Sunday School was fine. The pastor has a fine family of six children, one beautiful set of triplet girls three years old.

Sunday afternoon we inspected the Sublette meeting house which belongs to the State Convention. The Evangelical Church and Union Sunday school are taking splendid care of the property. There is now only one Baptist family in the community.

Sunday night was given to the church at Amboy. Rev. J. H. Hughes has been pastor there more than two years. A complete revolution has taken place. Instead of a little student supply church a great plant has been established. There were thirteen in the orchestra, a male quartette and twenty-two persons in the choir, and the large auditorium was well filled with people. I was told that it was about an average Sunday evening congregation. Brother Hughes has added about seventy-five members since he went there.

November 20th and 21st, three important committee meetings, two national and one state, were attended in Chicago.

Thursday evening, November 22nd, the Editor held a meeting in the Alpha Church and had a consultation with the

pulpit committee and a candidate for that pastorless church was recommended.

Friday, the 23rd, we had a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Rock Island Association in Rock Island.

Saturday, the 24th, was spent in Andalusia and the State Convention farm was leased to Rev. T. F. Klotzsche, the newly elected pastor.

Sunday, November 25th, he met with the colored people in East Moline, in the forenoon; preached to more than 600 insane people at the Watertown Hospital in the afternoon, and preached to a crowded house in the Baptist church at Watertown in the evening. Many of the East Moline Baptists were there. Rev. J. M. Osborne has been pastor in East Moline for half time for one year. Nothing was being done when he took up the work one year ago. Now they are completing a \$16,000 meeting house and hope they will not have a very heavy debt when it shall be dedicated.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Baldwin, A. C., Deer Park Church	.
Special Evangelistic Fund	\$ 5.00
*Brimfield Church	5.00
Browning, Nancy E., Benton Ch	
S. E. F.	5.00
Chicago, Logan Sq Norwegian Ch.	5.05
Chicago, Messiah Church.....	3.98
Chicago, Millard Ave., Ch.....	9.80
Chicago, Western Ave., Church....	27.04
Celbert, Rev. V., Collinsville,	
Annuity	100.00
Collected in evangelistic meetings	
F. M. Dunk	74.12
F. L. Church	40.00
Evanston First Church	60.00
Fisk, T. Otto, Aurora, S. E. F.....	5.00
Herrick, J. T., Wyandot, S. E. F....	2.00
Home Mission Society	134.72

Lena B. Y. P. U.....	1.60
Lena, Sunday School.....	1.00
McChesney, E. D., Minonk, S. E. F.	10.00
McCurdy, J. S., Alpha, S. E. F.....	15.00
McCurdy, S. C., Alpha, S. E. F.....	25.00
Miles, Celia M., Centralia, S. E. F.	2.00
Moncrief, J. W., Aurora, S. E. F.....	10.00
Oak Park First Church.....	25.00
Parks, H. P., Minonk, S. E. F.....	5.00
Patrick, Mrs. F. W., Marengo, S. E. F.	10.00
Pease, Emille F. and Gertrude S., Quincy, S. E. F.	5.00
Phillips, W. J., Elgin S. E. F.....	5.00
Pinney, Norman, E., Roseville, S. E. F.	5.00
Peoria, First Church.....	100.00
Pleasant Grove Church	9.00
Rochelle Church	6.53
Scott, Mrs. C. F., Roodhouse S. E. F.	5.00
Sheldon, Mrs. E. J., Berwick, S. E. F.	10.00
Tonica Parsonage Rent.....	50.00
Utica, Sunday School.....	5.00
University Church Fund.....	1038.00
Walker, Sarah J., Aurora, S. E. F.	5.00
Wiley, Mrs. Kate, Galva.....	2.00
Total	\$1801.84

DEATHS

Mr. Ed Cool of Cordova died Saturday morning, December 8th, from an attack of Bright's disease. Mr. Cool was clerk of the Cordova church for many years and had been one of its substantial members. During the past four years he has been one of the most loyal supporters of the State Convention we have had in the state of Illinois for many years. His gifts were always given in a quiet way, and he never wanted his name mentioned in connection with his contributions. He leaves a widow, but no children.

DEDICATIONS

The Morris church, of which Rev. J. C. Richardson has been pastor for six or seven years, was rededicated, or rather reopened, Sunday, December 2. They had put the meeting house in splendid repair, a very excellent roof was put on the building, and the whole

structure was beautifully stuccoed. The cost was about \$1500. Very interesting services were held in the forenoon, afternoon and evening of December 2. The money had been practically provided for and no solicitation was made. Pastor Richardson stands very high with his people, and his church is perhaps in the best condition it has been for twenty years. The people speak very highly of the work of both himself and his wife.

Martin's Prairie Church is located in the country six miles east of Roodhouse. The people have erected a very beautiful and substantial and up-to-date building. They tore down the old building and erected the new one on the same location. It is quite large and well finished, with a nice set of pews in the auditorium and a good basement under the whole building. It was dedicated December 9th. Although the day was exceedingly cold, both Saturday and Sunday nights being considerably below zero weather, yet the dedication was a splendid success. The auditorium was not crowded, but well filled. The people did not gather until about half past eleven o'clock. They had an indebtedness of \$650, and after preaching thirty-five minutes the Superintendent undertook to raise \$700. The process seemed slow and difficult. The preacher was on his feet two hours, preaching the sermon and raising the debt, but when the whole amount was summed up they had \$866.25. Mr. John R. McConathy, who was brought up in that community, but is now a banker in Roodhouse, placed a beautiful piano in the church after dark Saturday night and made them a present of it in memory of his mother. Only one

person in the church knew that he was doing this, and it came as a great surprise to the congregation. A very sumptuous feast was provided for everybody and served in the basement. An after-dinner service was held. Rev. Edgar Ford of Benson, whose former home had been in that community, was present and rendered valuable service throughout the meeting. Rev. Wm. Rhoads of Upper Alton, who had formerly been pastor of that church for ten years, was present and offered the prayer of dedication. They have planned for two weeks of special meetings to be conducted by Rev. J. W. Patterson of Morrisonville.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. J. S. Walls has closed his work at Sparland and Steuben and removed to Decatur. During the time he remains at Decatur he would be willing to supply any church within a reasonable distance of that city that might desire his services. His address is 1320 South Hill St., Decatur, Ill.

The Upper Alton Church, which had been pastorless for several months, called as its pastor, Rev. David T. Magill, of Chicago. He accepted the call and began his work December 2nd. Brother Magill was pastor of the Calvary church in Chicago for ten years. Both he and his wife are capable and worthy people, and we believe he will do a successful work in Upper Alton, both with the church and among the Shurtleff College students.

The Lincoln church, where Rev. N. J. Hilton did such successful work as pastor for quite a number of years, and from which he was called to the Minonk Church, has located Rev. G. W. Kimball of Cornell. Cornell was

perhaps Brother Kimball's first pastorate, and he had splendid success on that field. We hope he will be as successful at Lincoln, but regret very much that the Cornell church has again become pastorless.

Rev. C. N. Manchester has removed from Edinburg and settled as pastor of the Plymouth and Colchester churches; his home is in Plymouth. These two churches make a good, strong pastorate and we hope Brother Manchester will have good success on those fields. He did good work at Pawnee before leaving that part of the state.

Rev. C. P. Greenfield, who has been pastor of the Charleston Church for about one year, has closed his work there and accepted a call to Paris. The Paris church occupies an important field, and we hope Brother Greenfield will have large success on that field. The Charleston church is in a very important location, and we hope they will find a suitable pastor soon.

Rev. J. S. Ebersole resigned the pastorate of the North Shore church in Chicago and has accepted the pastorate of a church in Buffalo, N. Y.

PERSONALS

Evangelist J. N. Edmondson of Atwood, Illinois, is at this time conducting successful meetings in Missouri. After having closed one meeting, he began another at Morley, Missouri, December 2nd. He is having large congregations, and every prospect of a good meeting. He can be engaged for such services for anytime in January or February.

Rev. J. M. Jones, pastor of the Carthage Baptist church, and Miss Ethlyn Griffith, his organist, were married on

Sunday night, November 25th. They started the same night for a trip to Kansas City and Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Bro. Jones has been one of our faithful and successful Illinois pastors during the past ten years. We wish them much happiness.

Dr. E. L. Krumreig's Armageddon sermon seems to have attracted considerable interest. He was invited to repeat it in Danville, which he did to a house full of people, and then again to the Ministerial Association of the city and to the Brotherhoods of three churches. The women of the First Church of Danville have raised about \$2500 for the church building since the dedication, besides helping the church financially in many other ways.

Rev. R. V. Meigs of Muskogee, Oklahoma, writes his appreciation of the seven Baptist principles which were published in the Bulletin in October. He recently referred to them in a sermon, and they were received acceptably. We hope Brother Meigs will come back to Illinois some time.

Dr. R. S. Kirkland recently assisted Rev. J. R. Very in a meeting at Hoopeston. It is reported as having been very successful. Forty-five were baptized and twenty-two more received for baptism. Twenty joined the church by experience and letter. Seven went to other churches, making a total of eighty-seven who united with the Baptist church. The church expressed itself as highly gratified with the work of Dr. Kirkland and his wife on that field.

Rev. Harvey F. Gilbert, one of our Illinois boys, a graduate of Shurtleff College and Rochester Seminary, and who went to Africa as a missionary for

three years and returned on account of the illness of his wife, has just located as a pastor of the Memorial Baptist church at Toledo, Ohio. We were hoping that Brother Gilbert would locate in Illinois, but as he saw his way clear to go to Ohio, we wish him success in that state.

Rev. F. E. R. Miller, pastor of the First Church of Elgin, is putting in about ten or twelve weeks with the soldier boys at Camp Grant near Rockford. He and the churches in Rockford are doing much for the religious welfare of our Baptist boys at the camp. The committee appointed by the Northern Baptist Convention to raise \$150,000 for work among our Baptist soldiers has authorized Brother Miller to purchase a good Ford for work at the encampment. This was the right thing to do. The distances are so great that it is impossible for any one or two men to do all the work that ought to be done without a private conveyance.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. A. P. Rossier is very much encouraged in the work at Geneseo. December 2nd was a delightful day, with baptisms in the evening. Nine have united with the church since he began work about three months ago, and others will follow soon.

Evangelist F. L. Church held a meeting with the Lombard Avenue Church of Oak Park. The treasurer of that church writes of Mr. Church's work as follows: "He leaves behind him a score of friends who regret that the meetings are over. Mr. Church is one of the most earnest, sincere Christians it has ever been my privilege to meet, and he always has a message that goes

right to the hearts of his hearers, and how the children do love him."

Evangelist F. M. Dunk has closed a meeting at the Kinderhook church. The attendance was good and the people seem to have appreciated Brother Dunk's work very much. The ingathering was not as large as had been hoped for, but there were ten or twelve additions as a result of the meeting. Brother Dunk will hold his next meeting at Petersburg.

Missionary V. Colbert held a meeting at Alhambra in the Alton Association. He baptized some converts in a large farm watering tank. Rev. Robert Anderson was called as pastor for full time. They raised \$40 for associational missions.

Pastor-at-large H. F. Jones, in a recent visit at Brimfield, walked twelve miles in one day visiting the sick and calling on new families. In his last meeting at Payson one new member was received.

Rev. E. H. Fletcher, our colored missionary in Chicago, recently visited the St. Paul Church in Gary, Indiana, which belongs to the Illinois Bethlehem Association. It is only two years old and now has 200 members, and a new church building is nearly completed.

Rev. L. B. Trites of Danville assisted Pastor Rork in meetings with the Calvary Church in South Danville. We do not yet know the results of these meetings. The work at Palermo, where he has been pastor for half time for three years, is doing very nicely.

Pilgrim Temple Church of Chicago recently took in fourteen Roumanian members from Gary, Indiana. The work at the Temple is good. Rev. J. C. Dent is the pastor.

CHURCHES

The Greenfield Church, of which Rev. J. H. Martin is pastor, is very greatly encouraged in its work, and the pastor and his wife enjoy the field very much. Since he began work there about one year ago, there have been about forty-two additions to the church. The church is in good financial condition and meeting all its obligations.

Rev. W. O. Shank took the pastorate of the Central Church in Quincy after the First Church and the Vermont Street Churches united. He accepted the call for one year. The year will soon be up, and he expects to close his work soon after. He has done faithful work and much good has been accomplished. "Ten young people have offered themselves to enter the ministry or mission fields, as the Lord may direct." Brother Shank can be secured for some other good field after he closes his year at Quincy. Any church desiring to communicate with him can address him at Quincy.

After the Loda church had been without preaching for about two years, and after a visit by the superintendent, arrangements were made to secure Rev. W. H. Beeby of Urbana to supply the church on alternate Sundays. He has been there two Sabbaths and expresses himself as encouraged with the work. The Sunday School had been continued during the time that there was no preaching, and they have a good school also a very good meeting house and parsonage. We hope that somehow, some way the work may be built up at Loda.

The Jacksonville Church, with Rev. A. A. Todd as pastor, seems to be making good progress. They have adopted the Five Year Program and are in-

creasing the church budget. They observed an annual thank offering day and received \$800 on the new Sunday school rooms. They are planning to put up a Sunday school building that will cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

The Central Church of Springfield, of which Dr. H. S. Bowyer is pastor, recently received thirty new members, and a reception was given for them a week or so ago. Forty men have enlisted from that church in the army, among them the son of Dr. Bowyer, who left Denison University to go into the service.

The Millard Avenue Church in Chicago, of which Rev. Jas. A. White has been pastor, has given up its organization and ceased to exist, as an English speaking Baptist church, and given over the field to a foreign Baptist church, but in closing out their existence they made up their full apportionment for State Convention and 15 per cent above. This splendid church has not given up the field because they did not want to stand by the work, but because they could do better and more aggressive Baptist work by uniting with other Baptist churches and allowing the foreign Baptists to have that field.

Rev. Ray E. Foster has just closed three years' work on the Graymont field. The church has just called him for another year with an increase in salary of \$150. The past two years have been among the best in the history of the Graymont church.

"At the February meeting of the board of managers of the Home Mission Society forty-five missionaries were appointed. These are, for the most part, located in the West and central West. There were also two evangelists appointed to work in co-operation with the state conventions, one in Kansas and one in Illinois."

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

Our large family continue to be robust and healthy. Conservation of food and war times have not affected the appetites of our boys and girls: neither does the high cost of living bother them.

However the management is kept guessing what to do next so that the necessary food may be supplied them. Besides there is an ever increasing demand for charity work. There are constant applications for us to take new recruits, but our ability is limited owing to the lack of financial support.

The returns from churches and individuals have fallen off considerably in a financial way; of course November is one of our poorest months for real support, but this November the response has been even lighter than usual.

However, there is always an oasis in the desert and our oasis came or appeared at the approach of Thanksgiving. Many of our friends remembered the children with generous donations of fruit and nuts and in some instances with clothing. Others in a larger way remembered the Home with the staple things, vegetables, fruit, canned fruit, etc.

The turkey did not reach us this year; and had it not been for the good friends at Manlius and LaMarsh we should have had not only a meatless, but fowl-less day. They sent us goose and chicken which it is needless to say the children enjoyed immensely. One little tot was heard to say, in real American fashion, on leaving the dining room, "I tell you we had some good dinner today."

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

Dear Baptist Women of Illinois:

At this Christmas season, so different from any we have ever known, may Christ's gracious spirit shine into your hearts, dispelling your doubts, giving you courage and sympathy. Though the way may seem dark today, may faith give you the vision of a radiant future for you and yours. May fellowship and service make you the true friend to all.

This is my Christmas greeting to you.

Mrs. W. P. Topping.

The annual state report should be in every circle president's hand by December 15th. It is of real value to every circle. Use it!

What about the Reading Contest? Are you reading "Contest Books?" Send to Mrs. C. M. Church, Belvidere, for information.

Has your Circle sent 12 cents to 706 Douglas Ave., Elgin, for the Standard of Excellence Poster? If not, DO IT NOW!

How every one enjoyed the annual reception at the B. M. T. S. on November 13th! What an inspiring sight, when at the close of a splendid supper, served in the dining room of the school, 82 girls marched into the room, the first two carrying the Christian and American flags! Each girl wore a

beautiful red ribbon on which was printed her state. How proud should we be to know that this year for the first time, Illinois leads all other states. Nineteen Illinois Girls in our B. M. T. S.!

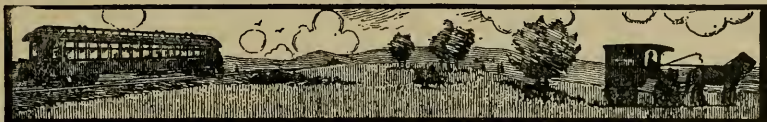
Dr. Behan, president of the School, gave much of interest. 790 have graduated since 1881, 326 still in active service, 125 have gone to foreign fields, 58 now in service on foreign fields. Objective for next year—125 students. Other speakers were: Miss Martha Troeck, for 25 years a worker among Immigrants at Ellis Island; Miss Selma Lagergren from Jaro, Philippine Islands, and Dr. Burt, president of the Y. M. C. A. college in Chicago. It was an evening full of splendid enthusiasm.

A live Circle has just been organized in Manchester, Morgan-Scott Association.

Miss Eiminie Broadstone, the new District Secretary for Central District, under appointment of the W. A. B. H. M. S., has been working in Rock River Association. We bespeak a warm welcome for Miss Broadstone when she visits other Associations.

The following extract from Miss Anna V. Johnson, an Illinois girl, at the head of the training school in Iloilo, P. I., is interesting as an interpretation of her teaching. (Not space for the letter.)

Sunday School Work in Illinois



W. B. Morris,
Ashley, Illinois.
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
Director.

Mrs. Edna R. Hoffman,
1612 29th St., Rock Island.
Elementary Grade Director.

Our Director has kindly allowed me the use of his page this month for a greeting to our Sunday school forces, on behalf of the new department of Sunday School and Young People, created by the State Convention. We are living in the most highly specialized age of the world's history. It is also an age of individualism, and we believe in both of them, but slowly we are learning that in certain ways "unity of action" is essential to greater progress. We must maintain our individual integrity, but if we are to attain our greatest ideals, and become most efficient, we must co-ordinate many of our activities. This is the "reason" for this new Department.

Our young people have their own organization, and will continue to have it. They are, and should be, a part of the church. They have made progress of recent years and we are conscious of them as a Baptist force in our State. Our Sunday School is also, part of the church, but we are not conscious of it as a Baptist force. We believe it ought to be, and should be in close working harmony with our young people's organization, the majority of whom are members of our Sunday schools. It is our desire to effect this, and establish a Baptist Sunday School consciousness. The church has a two-fold duty in this world—to evangelize it,

and to instruct its converts. In other words, to preach, and teach. It should have a very definite idea of what constitutes its "teaching department." This should be known as the "Church School," and should include, not only its Sunday School, but all Study Classes, and its young people's organization. If possible, a director of Religious Education should be appointed. One whose sympathies are broad enough to realize that if boys and girls are to mature into strong, efficient Christians, they must have different educational treatment, at different stages of life, and that you cannot fit a boy to a lesson, that the lesson must be fitted to the boy.

This is our "objective": To establish unity of action among our teaching forces, and unite them as the "Church School." To establish a Baptist Sunday school consciousness in Illinois, and to promote greater efficiency in all our teaching endeavors.

We desire to hold Institutes with Associations, or churches, and can offer a program that will help you "teach to win." We solicit your inquiries, and also your financial support in order to promote this undertaking. Do YOU believe in it—how much? All contributions should be sent to Rev. N. J. Hilton, Treasurer, Minonk, Ill.

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The Editor of this page requests all the young people to read the Sunday School notes in this edition, sure. The new department of Sunday school and Young People wish to assure the young people of their support, and in return ask for co-operation in the work before us. It is hardly necessary for me to say that I believe in "Work By and For Young People." We hope the young people will use all their influence in their various Associations and churches to help unify our endeavors, and thereby promote efficiency. The Standard Campaign is on its way and we trust that a greater number of Unions are entered than ever before, and that they will persist in the maximum of effort to attain, until May 1. Other states are making greater efforts to reach "Standard" and we cannot be behind. Chicago Union held its great Thanksgiving Sunrise Prayer-meeting as usual, but with a largely diminished attendance, due, undoubtedly, to conditions caused by the war. Ottawa Association B. Y. P. U. held a very enthusiastic "Aviation meeting" at Oglesby November 16th. It was also a very largely attended one. A fine silver "Loving Cup" given to the Union having the largest attendance, mileage considered, was won by the Princeton Union. This cup will be

contended for semi-annually for four years, and then becomes the property of the Union winning it the largest number of times. Rev. David T. Magill was the speaker at Oglesby. Bro. Magill has accepted a call from the Upper Alton church and begins his work there December 2. He has been in Chicago ten years, and during that time the B. Y. P. U. have had no better, more helpful friend. We congratulate the church at Upper Alton and know that their young people will be greatly helped by this true servant of the Master.

Rev. Mr. Gordanier, who graduated at Shurtleff College last June and became pastor of the Hammond church, is having very successful work. He recently held a meeting for two and a half weeks. As a result of the meeting there are twenty-three candidates for baptism and others received by experience or letter. Last winter this church was in a very precarious and almost hopeless condition, but through the work of Missionary N. T. Hafer they were brought together and secured a pastor and are now in a very hopeful condition.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

From the Annual Report of Rev. Daniel T. Magill, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Old People's Home, Maywood, Illinois.

"One year ago we had 29 members in the Home; today there are 35."

"The financial condition of the Home is most gratifying to the Board. The past year has been the most successful in this respect of any year in our brief history. The total receipts for the year were \$20,895.51. This amount does not include more than \$6,000 raised by the Woman's Board. There is \$1,822.15 cash on hand in the General Fund.

"The Reserve Fund is composed of \$300.00 sums out of each \$500.00 admission fee. Upon the death of the individual this \$300.00 may be transferred to the General Fund by vote of the Board. This Reserve Fund is practically a permanent fund, and the larger portion of it is always in investments. One year ago the Reserve Fund had \$1,100.00 in cash and had \$7,000.00 invested. Today there is in the fund \$690.00 cash and \$9,500.00 is invested.

"One year ago the Endowment Fund was \$23,200.00. Today it is \$27,200.

"The Treasurer estimates the total assets of the Home, including Funds, Properties and Buildings, to be \$82,762.15. All this has been accumulated in about nine years."

"Eight years ago 15 churches contributed \$1,119.54. This past year the churches contributed \$2,228.00. There has been an average yearly contribu-

tion from the churches for these eight years of \$1,825.00."

"It was due in large measure to Mrs. J. G. Hale, member of the Board and President of the Woman's Board, also President of the Federated Organizations of the city of Chicago that care for the interests of aged people that a 'Tag Day' for aged people was granted by the Chicago city authorities on May 14th last. Nearly \$28,000 was collected by those agencies. Our own Home led all the organizations in the amount received. Our treasury was richer by \$2,509.02 by the efforts of that day."

"The necessity of a hospital department for our work was voiced in the last Annual Report of the Board. Mrs. Philo R. King secured an option on the house and three lots at the rear of the Aunt Lizzie Aiken Memorial building. By her own personal gift of a considerable sum of money and by interesting others, a large part of the purchase price was provided for, and the property was offered to the board as a hospital building. The Board accepted the gift and became responsible for a mortgage upon it of \$1,600.00. The first story of this house was remodeled as a hospital department at an expense of \$1,500.00 which was the occasion of another expression of Mrs. King's generosity. The upper story of this building has been fitted up for occupancy for members."

"We now have a building with a suitable, complete and perfectly sanitary hospital department.

OVER THE TOP

We cannot go over the top with our boys, but we will go with them as far as we can. We have more than thirty Baptist camp pastors in the camps with them now. These boys have gone out from our churches and Sunday schools where we did our best to make them Christian men. We will do our best now to steel them for the great task to which they have committed themselves. We can do no less.

WHO IS WHO?

The War Commission of the Northern Baptist Convention has laid its hands upon the best pastors to be found in our great territory. It has said to their churches, "We want you to release your pastor for two months. We want him for special service at the camps. We want you to pay his salary. We will pay his expenses and supply your pulpit. We can do no more." In practically every case the church has arisen to the call and said, "Take him. We need him here, but the boys need him more than we do, and we must serve them while they are still with us."

FORWARD MARCH

The Commission could not wait to collect money before it began its work. The boys are on their way overseas. Whatever is done must be done quickly. The Commission knew that the denomination would not—*could not*—fail it in an hour like this. The sum of \$150,000 will be needed to do the work this year. A minimum sum of \$15,000 is the share of Illinois Baptists. What a pittance for our thousands of church members!

The drive for this amount will be made during the first ten days of February. Don't wait for that time. Send the Commission your check today. It will be credited to your church. We will acknowledge its receipt through The Standard. Address Illinois War Commission, Edgar L. Killam, Financial Secretary, Room 1210, Brooks Building, Chicago.

**Our Boys Are Going Across By The Thousands--
We Must Come Across With Our Thousands**

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Layman's Campaign for \$1,000,000



At a meeting of nine laymen from eight states in Cleveland last fall, a conference of fifty-five laymen from fifteen states was planned to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 14. The question that was considered was, "What is the duty of the Christian church in general and of the Baptist denomination in particular in view of the world situation created by the present war?" As a result of the deliberations of this conference, a meeting was called for in Chicago January 11. This was the greatest meeting of the kind the writer ever attended. Maine and California were represented, and nearly all the states between. There were 118 persons present, seventy of them laymen, three women, and the remainder were secretaries. Mr. F. W. Ayer of Camden, N. J., was chairman of the meeting. It was very generally felt that with the conditions we are now facing and with the great resources of the Baptist denomination in the Northern States, that at least a special fund of \$1,000,000 should be raised before April 1st. This amount was distributed among the states. The larger sums were given out as follows: New York, \$250,000; Massachusetts, \$100,000; Pennsylvania, \$100,000; Ohio, \$75,000; Illinois, \$65,000; Cali-

fornia, \$50,000, and smaller sums to other states. Rev. F. P. Haggard was selected as secretary of the committee and a committee for each state was appointed. This will include the \$150,000 that the denomination was planning for work among our Baptist soldier boys.

The Illinois Baptist State Convention had planned to raise \$15,000 of this war fund, but that will now be included in our \$65,000 drive. The committee for Illinois consists of W. G. Brimson, Chairman; Clifton D. Gray, Treasurer; Rev. R. H. Claxon, Hon. A. J. Scrogin, Robt. L. Scott, Rev. J. C. Hazen and Ed Drake. E. L. Killam was selected as general worker for two months outside of Chicago. Some other man will be selected to work the city. This is to be entirely over and above the apportionments. It is hoped that it will go far beyond \$1,000,000, and it is hoped that the churches will get a great blessing in pushing through this notable enterprise. It appears that the committee put Illinois much below some other states where the Baptists are not so strong as in Illinois, but we hope Illinois will come up with at least \$100,000.

BAPTIST DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK

Some time ago a prominent layman in New York was asked to give a paper at the fall meeting of the Baptist Social Union. He is a man whose pastor has for some time been advocating an open membership, that Baptist churches should follow the example of some English Baptist churches and receive persons into their membership who have never been baptized (immersed). After the paper had been read the Watchman-Examiner of December 13th took up the question and gave an editorial of more than a page and a half on open-membership. The editorial is a strong one. It takes the position that,

1. The Scriptures are against open membership.
2. Sane psychology is against open membership.
3. Self-respect is against open church membership.

The editor then gives place to an article of nearly two pages from Frank M. Goodchild, D. D. Dr. Goodchild writes a very strong article on the subject. Among other things he says:

"The suggestion to abandon the ordinances is really a subtle attack on the validity of the New Testament or on the authority of Jesus Christ. It is an invitation to the Baptists to give up the Scriptures as their one rule of faith and practice. To acknowledge the supremacy of the Scriptures is a first principle of the Baptists. The man who renounces that principle has by that act ceased to be a Baptist. With out doubt, it is an attack on the wisdom and authority of Jesus Christ."

Aside from the two strong and lengthy articles against Baptist open membership, the Watchman-Examiner

in the issue of December 20th, gives a whole page to "A Confession of Faith" which was passed by the First Baptist Church of New York. This confession of faith takes a strong position for believers' baptism (immersion) before entering into church relation and that baptism not only precedes church membership, but also is a necessary qualification to the Lord's Supper. It is encouraging to see these fundamental Baptist positions so strongly advocated by such a Baptist paper as the Watchman-Examiner. It is the Baptist paper for five of the New England states, besides New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The Watchman of Boston and The Commonwealth of Philadelphia have both combined with the Examiner.

SINGLE COLLECTING AGENCY

The Single Collecting Agency, which was discussed at the State Convention meeting in Moline, and has been followed up by efficient committee work since, is now an established fact in Illinois, and the work will begin the first of April or the first of May, as arrangements may be made by special committees. At a special called meeting of the State Convention Board in Bloomington, Tuesday, January 8th, it was unanimously voted to establish a single collecting agency in Illinois, and Dr. Augustus S. Carman of Ohio, was unanimously elected to take the position of this office in Chicago. But few men are better known in the denomination than Brother Carman, and everybody who knows him, without a dissenting vote, have expressed themselves that he would be a splendid man for this position. Still further accounts of this work will be given in the February and March Bulletins.

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NOW is the time for a larger number of Baptists to subscribe for the Bulletin. The Convention does not charge the subscriber one-half what it costs the Convention to publish it.

OUR new plans of work in Illinois will be brought before the people prominently in the Bulletin.

IN February and March we will have much to say about the Single Collecting Agency and the \$1,000,000 drive.

REMEMBER that the Bulletin always stops when your time is up and you cannot get another copy until your subscription is renewed.

ON Sunday, January 6th, the editor was snowed out in part of his work, and he went forty miles out of his way to Chicago, hoping to get home, but was snow-bound in Chicago until nine o'clock Monday morning.

ON Friday, January 11th, the editor was in Chicago and tried to get an evening train home, but the first train to go south on the C. & A. Railroad was at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, and it took it twelve hours to reach Bloomington.

DR. Granger, secretary for New York, left the Chicago station over the Nickel Plate Friday evening and ran out eleven miles and Sunday afternoon got back to the hotel in Chicago.

THE editor of the Bulletin has been traveling over Illinois for twenty winters, and he has been snow-bound more this winter than in all the nineteen former winters.

SATURDAY morning, January 12, I walked from a hotel to the Union Station in Chicago. It was the coldest experience of my life. The thermometer was fourteen degrees below zero, and the wind blew at the rate of about forty miles per hour.

THE year 1918 will be a serious time for us as a nation, as a denomination and as individuals. The world has never seen just such a time. Christian people should give themselves wholly and unreservedly unto the Lord and his work.

Evangelist F. M. Dunk held a meeting at Petersburg. The weather was unfavorable, but the meetings were good and some progress was made toward arranging a field and securing a pastor. Brother Dunk went from Petersburg to Divernon to aid Dr. Leeland in meetings. We have not heard from this meeting, but it was held during some of the terrible weather of this winter, and doubtless the attendance was greatly hindered.

"This is a short year for wheat and a good one for potatoes. A baked potato equals a slice of wheat bread as food. Therefore, eat the baked potato and save the slice of bread."

The first quarter of the Convention year has closed. The attention of the churches and of individual Christians has been called to great things on account of the war. Now is the time for our churches to awaken out of sleep for both local church work and missionary enterprises. We must do things as never before. We cannot continue to exist as a religious organization, nor as local churches nor missionary societies as we did during the past century or the past decade. There is some danger that in our new and large giving we will neglect our own State Convention and we cannot afford to put it off until late in the Convention year. People who have means should make large individual gifts to the State Convention. Some could, and should, give \$100, and others \$500, and some \$1,000. 1,000,000 of our young men are now giving the most important years of their lives for our Christian civilization, and perhaps another 1,000,000 will be doing so inside of six months. Can we who stay at home afford to save any money while the war lasts? Missionary money is needed to help save our civilization as truly as our soldiers. Who will give us \$1,000 this year for State Convention? Who will give \$500? Who will give \$100? Now is the time to do large things for our State Convention.

Rev. Frank Woodhull seems to be getting along well with the work at Cordova. The Sunday school is quite flourishing and the congregations are good. The Baptists have practically everything in the village and surrounding country. They have fine property in the meeting house and have greatly

improved the parsonage since Brother Woodhull located there.

Rev. H. L. Mounce has been pastor at Erie for a little less than two years. The young people's meeting is fine and the Sunday evening congregations are good, although the church membership is not large. The Disciples church has been talking union with the Baptists, and yet in nearly every case where there is an established Baptist church the Disciples will not join with them, but will insist on organizing a "Christian" church, and then, in a short time, they will talk about there being too many churches and want a union; but it has been discovered that whenever a union has been attempted, that it must be practically a Disciples church. Baptists invariably lose out when they give up their fundamental principles and unite with those who teach and practice error according to the Baptist standards.

The Elvaston church is now pastorless. This is a good half-time field. It has been dividing time with the new Baptist interest at Warsaw. It is hoped that they can locate a pastor soon.

The Blandinsville church, with its large meeting house and good parsonage, has been pastorless since September. This is a good field and the people are willing to support a pastor fairly well if they can locate the right man. On a recent Sunday night when it was very cold, we had a fine congregation.

December 30, the editor spent a busy Sunday in the Alton Association. The day was bitterly cold, and the people could not get out in large numbers. At Wood River Sunday morning we had a fairly good audience. This church

is but little more than one and a half years old, yet they have a fairly good place to worship, and with a little assistance from the Convention, Pastor Webb is supported for full time on the field.

North Venice has had a great revival this winter through the work of missionary Colbert. There were but few members of the church there, except children, at the Sunday afternoon service, but there were five preachers present.

Unity Church in East St. Louis, organized about two years ago, has gone out of its tabernacle and is worshipping in the new basement. With a little more work it will be a splendid basement. Brother Colbert led the people in building it; did much of the work himself and contributed money toward it.

The Plano Church has been regarded as one of the weaker churches of the Aurora Association, but it is in good condition now. About four or five months ago they called Rev. J. H. Pollard of Kansas. He is a graduate of William Jewell College, and he entered the Divinity School of the University of Chicago and his wife the Woman's Training school. They live in the parsonage Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and spend the remainder of the week in Chicago. The Sunday school and all departments of the work seem encouraging.

DANVILLE AND VICINITY

The First Baptist church of Danville, of which Dr. E. L. Krumreig is pastor, reports a very successful year. At the annual meeting, held one of the coldest nights of the year, more than 100 persons were present. All departments

reported good work and all debts paid except the debt on the church building. The entire amount raised and expended during the year was \$589.84. The pastor is planning a campaign this winter to collect up the old pledges made on the church building, and to raise \$10,000 to clear the church of a part of its heavy indebtedness. The church sent out fifteen well-filled Christmas baskets to those in need of Christmas dinner.

Rev. G. W. Woolsey, pastor of the Union Baptist church in Danville, has accepted a call to the Western Avenue church in that city; he will divide his time between these two churches. He is now engaged in special meetings at Western Avenue. Rev. F. A. Kelly resigned the Western Avenue church and accepted a position as one of the secretaries of the Danville Y. M. C. A.. Eleven additions were recently received into the Union Baptist church through the work of its pastor, Mr. Woolsey.

Grape Creek has settled as its pastor for full time, Mr. D. C. Linton. He began work December 30th. The Union Chapel church, under the leadership of Pastor Peter Briggs, is keeping up good interest.

The Calvary church, of which Rev. C. C. Rork is pastor, held a series of special meetings with good results. Rev. L. B. Trites assisted the pastor.

The Kelleyville Chapel, a mission of the First church, is under the care of Mr. Edwin Shaw, and is sustaining very good interest. The Sunday school is especially good. Palermo and Hillery churches are cared for by the Associational Missionary, Rev. L. B. Trites. In addition to this he assists in special meetings at any points within the association where needed.

Mrs. Mae Cushing Howard, a returned missionary, says, "The Bulletin was a welcome visitor in our home during our term of service in Burma." Mrs. Howard returned last spring with her husband, R. L. Howard, and their four year old son, from Rangoon, Burma, after having spent eleven years in our Baptist foreign mission work. Brother Howard has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work since September at Camp Pike, Arkansas. He reports, "Baptists in the lead in Arkansas, and as liberal supporters of the magnificent work being done for our soldier boys in their midst." "Lee," as Mr. Howard is familiarly known to Shurtleff friends, is a son of J. F. Howard, for so many years pastor in Illinois and now living at Litchfield. Mrs. Howard and her son both are with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Cushing, at Assumption.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. Samuel Hoekstra writes quite an encouraging letter concerning the work at Fairfield. The church recently traded its parsonage for another house for which they paid \$1000 in exchange. This gives them a very good and desirable parsonage. The Sunday night congregations are good and all lines of work seem to be on the upgrade.

Evangelist F. L. Church assisted our missionary pastor, Rev. Henry Duff, at Chicago Heights in special meetings. The meetings were being held at the time of the great blizzard and snow storm and it was exceedingly difficult to get reasonable attendance, but it was hoped that better results might be had before the meetings closed.

Rev. James M. Wilson, our missionary pastor at Oglesby, seems to be getting hold of the work on that field quite well. He had planned for special

meetings at the Baptist Church, but an effort was made to secure an evangelist and hold a union meeting with the Congregationalist Church, to which the pastor finally consented. Some good was done in the union meeting, but it was somewhat of a disappointment. Doubtless better results would have been secured for the Baptist church if they had held their own meeting. The Disciples seem to be making an effort at this time to start a church in Oglesby. No doubt, if they succeed in starting a church on that field, within a very few years they will be contending that there are too many churches there and pleading for union with the Baptist church, which usually means that they want the Baptist church to unite with them. The Disciples brethren do some very queer things. They seem to be very much out of harmony with their fundamental plea for church union.

Missionary N. T. Hafer spent the last month mostly in visiting churches for a short time and in raising church debts. He was then at home sick for a week or so, but is planning this month to do some needed work with the Sparland and Steuben churches in the Peoria Association.

Evangelist F. L. Church held a meeting with the Garfield Park church in Chicago during the past month, and while there was not a large ingathering of converts, the reports from the meeting are very encouraging. The pastor, Rev. A. H. Gage, writes "The work which he did for us was splendid. There were certain young people whom I was anxious to reach. He accomplished all that I had expected and more. I can never cease to be thankful for his personal help to my own boy, Ralph, aged nine years. Our church needed just the waking up he gave us.

A CHANGE OF PLAN

The advertisement on the last page of the December Bulletin called attention to the fact that a committee would attempt to raise \$15,000 in Illinois as a war fund for the benefit of our Baptist boys in training and in the service. More recently, a larger plan on the part of prominent laymen who met at Cleveland, Ohio, was inaugurated, to raise \$1,000,000 for the Baptist work of the Northern Convention. This would include the \$150,000 to be raised for the benefit of our Baptist boys in the army and, of course, would include the \$15,000 proposed to be raised in Illinois. This campaign as advertised in the Bulletin last month, is now called off and the Baptists in the state will now join in in the larger effort of raising \$1,000,000 in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention.

ORDINATIONS

A council was called at Charleston to consider the propriety of ordaining to the gospel ministry Mr. Murray Stone of Charleston, and Professor H. M. Tipsword, D.D., of Paris. Mr. Stone comes from the Separate Baptists, and Dr. Tipsword had for some time been president of the College at Westfield. The examination was thorough and proved to be very satisfactory in both cases. Dr. D. O. Hopkins of Champaign was moderator and preached the sermon. Rev. C. P. Greenfield of Paris offered the ordaining prayer and gave the charge to the candidates and presented the Bible. Rev. J. M. Lively of Mattoon led in the examination of the candidates. Dr. Tipsword will possibly become president of Ewing College.

JOINT MISSIONARY AGENT

Rev. A. S. Carman, who has recently been elected as the single collecting agent for Illinois, to begin work next spring, has been secured by the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies to fill the position formerly occupied by Dr. Aitchison in Chicago, for three months, from January 1st, to April 1st. There has been but little work done in this office since Dr. Aitchison left the state, but Dr. Carman will attend to this work during the closing months of the year. All communications with regard to Home and Foreign Mission work should be addressed to Rev. A. S. Carman, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago.

Rev. F. E. R. Miller, soldier pastor at Camp Grant, Rockford, for about ten weeks, writes as follows, "My work is progressing satisfactorily. I am meeting a number of new Baptist boys and after every meeting at the camp there have been one or two conversions, fourteen to date. I think I have about eighteen more days' service here, and it seems as though I had hardly begun."

CHURCHES

The Baptist Church of New Berlin, of which Rev. A. W. Judd is pastor, recently assisted him in purchasing a Ford automobile for work on that field. They believe this will be a great advantage to him in his work. The annual meeting of this church held on January 2, showed all bills paid and all apportionments raised, and everything passed off harmoniously.

The Normal church held its annual meeting Wednesday night, January 2d. The ladies of the church served a splendid chicken pie dinner and there were more than 100 present. The reports of

all the departments were very encouraging and all bills of the church had been paid during the past year, and about \$500 had been raised for missions and benevolence. Rev. E. K. Masterson, the pastor, has been on the field for nearly four years, and is doing good work.

The Antioch church, eleven miles north of Aledo, of which Rev. W. H. Parker is pastor, reports good work this winter, although the severe winter weather has hindered to some extent the work in the open country.

A calendar of the Eastern Avenue church in Joliet of which Rev. C. A. Neyman is pastor, indicates very progressive work in that church. Some important services are advertised for every day in the week.

A letter written by a member of the Morrison Church, but not signed, indicates very successful work on that field. Rev. R. E. Bradford became pastor some time last summer. This letter states, "The attendance in all departments has nearly doubled since the pastor came. Through the strong evangelistic services on Sunday evenings, a splendid personal work, souls are being saved and brought into the church. We are getting to expect baptisms almost every week. The young people attend and enjoy the prayer meetings. We have not forgotten the patience and prayers of our former pastor, Rev. T. B. Marlin. \$300 has been paid on our church debt and our church pledges are increased. There were 130 present at our church banquet in November.

The Berwick church, of which Rev. C. R. Drussel has been pastor for about six years, seems to continue to do strong work. The pastor writes, "We took our subscriptions for the current

expense and benevolence for the Baptist Church November 25th, and both ran higher than they did any year since my coming on the field. This insured the full apportionment for our benevolences for the coming year."

Dr. L. D. Lamkin, pastor at Cairo writes, "Our work goes on with great interest. We have frequent conversions. Last night I baptized two and will baptize others next Sunday. We are arranging a union revival meeting to begin in January. We are contemplating building a tabernacle that will seat 3000 people and are looking forward to a great meeting.

"Rev. Ernest N. Cox, pastor of Gilman and Bourbon churches, assisted by Rev. Sam Kirkland and wife, closed a remarkably successful series of meetings with the Bourbon church December 9. The results were forty-four conversions, forty added to the church, thirty baptized, six added by letter, ten reclaimed, and four awaiting baptism. Of the thirty baptized there were eight girls and women and twenty-two boys and men; of the men all but eight were grown, and many heads of families. Also fifty of the old members of the church offered themselves for reconsecration in the Masters's service. The total of conversions, reclaimed and reconsecrated makes 104."

A NOTABLE CHURCH

The committee that had in charge the raising of money for the Y. M. C. A. war fund in Alton, accepted the amount that was requested from that city and divided it out among the churches. They asked the First Baptist church to raise \$1000. The man appointed for that purpose came before the Sunday

school and gave them an address, and told them that he wanted \$1,000 from the First Baptist church, and he thought the Sunday school ought to raise \$100. In a few minutes the Sunday school had subscribed \$1,000, and at the next hour, when the matter was presented to the church the entire church and Sunday School subscribed \$8,014. The next largest giver in Alton was the Presbyterian church, which gave \$2,500. Dr. M. W. Twing has been pastor of the First church in Alton for more than twenty years.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. W. H. Breach of Danville, who has been supplying a church in Indiana for several years, has closed his work there and become pastor of two Illinois churches, viz: the church at Newton, and Cunningham Avenue church in Urbana, each for half time. Brother Breach is a strong preacher and good pastor, and we hope these churches will do well under his care.

The Murphysboro church has located as its pastor in the place of Rev. Minor Stevens, Rev. H. F. Abbott of Ohio. This is a great field and a splendid opportunity for the new pastor.

The Shelbyville church has seemed to have taken on new life and is planning larger things for the Lord's work. They have increased the salary on that field sufficiently to secure Rev. Chas. R. Shepherd, a returned missionary from Southern China. Brother Shepherd was sent as a foreign missionary by the Southern Board and some time during the past year his wife died with small-pox in China. He and his daughter returned to this country and he decided to locate in the pastorate. The church has promised to erect a new par-

sonage for the pastor by the first of August. We hope to hear of a good pastorate on that field.

Rev. H. L. McLendon goes January 1st from Marquette Road church of Chicago, to the Calvary church in Cleveland, Ohio. He had been in Chicago four years.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR DECEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Annuity Bond Sale	\$1000.00
Allaman, M. H., Rozetta Church	
Special Evangelistic Fund.....	5.00
Aurora, Marion Avenue Church	25.00
Bethel Sunday School.....	5.00
Buck, Martha, S. E. F.....	6.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	149.91
Colton, Geo. F., Rockford, S.E.F.	10.00
Clutts, J. E., Cairo, S. E. F.....	3.00
Collected in evangelistic meetings,	
F. M. Dunk	262.43
F. L. Church	63.00
C. L. Stalker	92.29
Dabler, C. H., Wyand, S. E. F.....	5.00
Drussell, Rev. C. R., Berwick,	
S. E. F.	5.00
Duke, B. C and wife, Kirkwood,	
S. E. F.	5.00
Englewood Church	35.00
Home Mission Society, S. E. F.	126.79
Hallman, W. H., Decatur, S. E. F.	5.00
Johnson, Mrs. S. M., Berwick,	
S. E. F.	20.00
Johnson, W. A., Princeton, S.E.F.	25.00
Kankakee, First Church.....	60.00
Martins Prairie Church.....	3.00
McClure, Sarah J., Pratt, Kas.....	1.00
Moreton, W. C., Assumption,	
S. E. F.	5.00
Morris Ch., for work of Supt.....	12.50
Morgan Park Church	42.60
Mt. Carroll Church	20.40
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Phillips, Catherine, Cordova,	
S. E. F.	5.00
Phillips, Ruth, Cordova, S.E.F....	5.00
Plano Church	3.15
Smith, Mrs. Amelia K., Murphys-	
boro, S. E. F.....	5.00
Thompson, Mrs. Cyrus, Belleville	
S. E. F.	5.00
Tomlinson, A. R., Kewanee,	
S. E. F.	5.00
Trent, Rev. L. C., Kewanee,	
S. E. F.	10.00
Tucker Permanent Fund.....	50.00

University Church Fund.....	462.00
Voorhees, E. E., Blandinsville, S. E. F.	5.00
Widdowson, J. M., Carrollton, S. E. F.	5.00
Total	\$2628.07

Billy Sunday's meeting of ten weeks in New York City was the greatest meeting he ever held. The closing day was great, with the immense tabernacle crowded at all three sessions and many thousands of people turned away for lack of room. On Sunday afternoon former ambassador from Germany, James W. Gerard, was introduced and spoke a few words. At night Bishop Luther B. Wilson and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave short addresses. Sunday was at his best all day. During the day 7,228 persons hit the trial. It is estimated that from 100,000 to 200,000 would have gone to the tabernacle Sunday night if there had been room. During the meetings a total number of 98,264 persons went forward and gave Mr. Sunday their hands and the committee their names. The offering amounted to \$114,000, all being turned over to the Red Cross and the Army Y. M. C. A. Mr. Sunday believes and preaches strongly the inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the Deity, Atonement and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He preaches the way of salvation by repentance of sin and a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. He preaches the doctrine of personal sin, of a personal devil, and that men who reject Christ will be eternally lost. What would be the result if Mr. Sunday would turn away from this and preach the new theology and destructive criticism. The old first century Christianity was never more pow-

erful than in this twentieth century when faithfully preached.

RUM FOR AFRICA

The Missionary Review of the World, in a recent issue says, "The amount of liquor passing Madeira, a port of registry for the coast of Africa, in one week is reported as follows:

28,000 cases of whiskey, 30,000 cases of brandy, 30,000 cases of Old Tom, 36,000 barrels of rum, 800,000 demijohns of rum, 24,000 butts of rum, 15,000 barrels of absinthe, 960,000 cases of gin.

"In Sierra Leone during one-fourth of a year 250 tons of liquors were unloaded at a 'dry town' to be transported to towns of the interior."

Who is doing this devil's work? They tell us that conditions are worse than the old slavery days. "Slavery slew its thousands; but the rum traffic is slaying its millions."—*Watchman-Examiner*.

The Baptist World Says: "Many non-tithers conscientiously believe that they give more to God's cause than if they tithed. But a try-out almost invariably proves them mistaken. The following figures gathered from a list of representative churches where tithing is practised, will serve to throw light upon this mooted question: Membership, seventy-five; tithers, eighteen; non-tithers, fifty seven; average contribution, tithers, \$34; non-tithers, \$10. Membership, 145; tithers, fifteen; non-tithers, 130; average contribution, tithers, \$43.23; non-tithers, \$5. Membership, 180; tithers, twenty-five; non-tithers, 155; average contribution, tithers, \$34; non-tithers, \$10. Membership, 702; tithers, ninety; non-tithers, 612; average contribution, tithers, \$55.50; non-tithers, \$8.82. The tithers were not, on an average, any wealthier or more able to give than the non-tithers."

102 boys have gone into the army from the Englewood Sunday School, Chicago; twenty-one from one class.

MEXICO

"The American government is reported to have spent \$200,000,000 during the last year for the armed expedition into Mexico and the protection of the border. This is ten times the amount spent for evangelical Christian missions in Mexico in one hundred years. The money spent for the military expedition would have put a church, school and a hospital, with the necessary equipment, and with salaries of workers included, in one thousand cities and towns in Mexico."

CAN'T AFFORD IT

"We have been saying we could not afford to give eighteen million dollars a year for Foreign Missions, or to send four thousand men abroad. Yet today Great Britain, with less than half our population, is spending twenty-five million dollars a day; and Canada, with less than one-tenth our population, is sending three hundred thousand men to fight and die in Europe. We are asking too little for the cause of Christ and the salvation of the world."

BURMA

The largest mass movement in the recent history of our work in any land has been taking place during the past year in the vicinity of Kengtung. In the station over 1,000 have been baptized; in the whole field 3,000 during the year. On a recent sixty day tour across the border in West China Rev. William Young, the missionary, baptized 1,600 people. He thoroughly believes from present indications that 10,000 more converts could be won if an additional man could be procured to aid in the work and a second station opened in that section.

Rev. E. M. Stedman reports that among twice-born men in recent evangelistic work in Montana was a man who was under a \$2,000 bond for "boot-legging"; an old cowboy who had spent \$1,800 in three days, drinking and gambling; a man who had made \$1,600 in one night; a strong opposer of religion who would not allow a minister to enter his house; a man who held out against God until the baptismal service, when all at once he exclaimed, "I want to quit my sins, accept Christ, and be baptized."

TITHING AS A REMEDY

It is pointed out to our shame that the 70,000 Seventh Day Baptists give about \$700,000 to foreign missions, while our nearly 3,000,000 white Baptists in the South give less than \$600,000 a year. The explanation is said to be that the Seventh Day Baptists practise tithing. Whatever the explanation, there is no denying that Southern Baptists as yet are more missionary in theory than in practise. Tithing smacks of the law, and grace ought to work better than the law, but with most of us it does not seem to work at all. Is our faith dead, as James said faith without work is?

"A little over a year ago, Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts camped down in Wall Street with the intention of securing a five million dollar pension fund for superannuated ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He completed his task March 1, with practically \$6,500,000 in

hand—a million and a half to the good. This means a provision of not less than \$600 annually for old age or disability; and from that up to 40 per cent of the yearly salary. It will give widows of ministers not less than \$300 annually; orphans \$10 annually up to seven years, \$200 from seven to fourteen and \$300 from fourteen to twenty-one. What an impetus this successful campaign ought to give to our own Benefit Board!"

Mrs. Mary Flagg of Alton, recently died, aged ninety-six years. According to her will, Shurtleff College and the three national Baptist Societies and the State Convention are remembered. Her estate is probably worth \$55,000, and her nephews and nieces are bequeathed \$40,000. She was a noble Christian woman, and for seventy-nine years had been a member of a Baptist Church. Drs. Twing, Abbott and Jameson, all now living in Alton, have been her pastors for fifty-five years.

DEATHS

Rev. W. A. Phipps, pastor of the Providence Church in the Rock Island Association, was suddenly called to Kentucky to attend the burial of his son Jesse, who died December 9th, while on shipboard going as a soldier boy to France. The body was returned the 19th. Brother Phipps and his family will have the sympathy of their many Baptist friends in Illinois. This young man made a profession of faith last March, and his chaplain reported that he was well reconciled when he died.

Rev. J. W. Patterson, who has been pastor at the First Church of Hutsonville, for several years, has accepted a call to the Second Church at Mt. Vernon. Brother Patterson is a good, faithful preacher and pastor, and we hope he will be able to build up this Mt. Vernon church.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan, Park

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston

The year 1918 has come. Never has a year opened when the minds of all peoples were so filled with questions and doubts as to what the year would bring to the world. The belief that a new world in a moral and spiritual sense is being born is generally accepted. That Christ is to be an important factor in this new world is the belief of millions of people. That it is the duty of all His believers to do their part in this reconstruction is unquestioned, but are His followers aware of their responsibility?

All are being called upon to assist financially in the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and many other organizations for relief of suffering. Many are giving their loved ones to serve in ways which may mean sacrifice of life that thereby the coming of His peace may be hastened. Now is not the time to hoard any resources which may assist in bringing the day when His will shall reign upon earth. His work of evangelization begun many years ago, must be pushed with greater vigor, for how "shall they believe unless they are told?"

Three months remain of the fiscal year of the missionary societies. The societies need and must have more money than ever before. Expenses have increased, the opportunities have also increased, but instead of taking advantage of them, retrenchment has been ordered. Is it not a shame when so

much might be done to hasten His coming and to give the hearts of millions, weary with the suffering which has come in various forms to those in other countries, the everlasting peace which enables them to "endure all things."

What are we women going to do? Shall it be all we really can, or what we carelessly think we can? Shall the next three months show that we are equal to the crisis which calls upon us so loudly? Shall we gladly reply that there is nothing we can give in time or money which is a sacrifice but rather that it is a wonderful privilege to live in a time when we can be active workers towards the establishment of His kingdom? No one can regard this matter lightly or pass it by without serious consideration. What is your answer?

Circle Presidents—Notice particularly page 3 in our annual report. Read it all, we never had a better report.

The death, after three days' illness, of Mr. W. H. Harrison, of Galesburg, made the Christmas season one of deep sorrow to our sister board member, Mrs. W. H. Harrison. Our hearts go out to her in loving sympathy.

Ottawa Association is planning for a splendid mid-year meeting at Mendota on January 11th. Associational Presidents please report all mid-year gatherings to the state president or editor of this page, that they may be recorded.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



W. B. Morris,
Ashley, Illinois.
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
Director.

Mrs. Edna R. Hoffman,
1612 29th St., Rock Island.
Elementary Grade Director.'

Last month we devoted this page to a message from the chairman of the department which I am sure you were all glad to read.

We have in these last two months held several institutes. In Mt. Vernon we had a good program and a fair attendance on account of a special Red Cross drive. At Rozetta we held a three days' meeting with the assistance of our Elementary Director. On Sunday we conducted a decision service resulting in thirteen conversions. This is a strong country church. Pastor Wright and wife are doing fine work. Mrs. Wright has an especially fine Junior Union. The work she is doing with the boys and girls is quite remarkable.

One Sunday was spent at Bushnell with a decision service and ten conversions. Pastor Holbrook is finishing his college work at Macomb and also taking care of the Bushnell church. Things seem to be in promising condition. We held an institute with the Claim St. church, Aurora. Pastor Stevens did all he could to secure a good attendance, but notwithstanding his efforts we had a small number present. Those who came were most appreciative of the program. In addition to the work of the State Director and Mrs. Hoffman, we had good addresses by Mr. John Ruthven, Miss Emily Mae Sedgwick of the

Baptist Training School, and Rev. R. H. Claxon.

I spent one Sunday at Murphysboro. After the evening service the church extended a unanimous call to Pastor Abbott of Franklin, Ohio, who has assumed the duties of his new field. At Griggsville we had planned for a decision service but the blizzard came and made church attendance all but impossible. Pastor Burdon is enjoying the good will of his congregation. The new parsonage marks a step in advance for Griggsville.

We next went to Winchester for a two-day institute. Rev. W. R. Johnson, former state evangelist, is pastor here and is having an enjoyable pastorate. Here again the extreme weather interfered with the attendance and we were obliged to cancel the second day of the meeting. My next appointment was with the Macomb church. Pastor Waldo has great reason to be encouraged in his work. The day was a Young People's Rally Day and also decision day in the Sunday school with eight conversions. It was my privilege to spend an evening with the Lincoln church and address them on the work of the coming year. The last Sunday of the year was spent at Chatsworth with Pastor Schute and his people.

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War conditions—What does that mean to your Union?

First and foremost, how many actual members have given themselves to save the world? That is just what Americans, who feel deeply upon this subject, believe. That our boys are giving themselves to help save the world—for Freedom—Liberty—Justice, and all that goes with these things. Hundreds of them have gone, and more will go, and it is causing great changes in our work. It is bringing to us added responsibility and work. Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. are doing great things for the boys who have gone, and we must support and aid in these endeavors in every way possible. And we will do so. We must not let them, however, take ALL of our time and attention. Men need Jesus Christ just as badly, now, as they ever needed him, and war is making them feel that need more than they have felt it for a long, long time. Men are talking GOD, they listen attentively to anyone who will tell them about Him, but they are especially glad to hear a “personal” testimony about Him. Not what you have read—not even what the Bible says—but what He has done for YOU. That is what men are wanting, longing for. That brings to our minds very clearly, the thought of the work of our B. Y. P. U. Here is our great opportunity to learn

to “talk for Him.” Not to learn to “argue”—argument never “converts” men. Just a simple testimony to a friend—“God has done great things for me,” not only in the future, but NOW. That’s what they want—GOD NOW.

All the topics of our meeting should be so interpreted and presented so as to give “practice” to all, in talking about God. After the War—God speed the moment—men and women, who can “point the way to God” will be in great demand.

Are you getting ready for your great chance? Someone, perhaps a friend, perhaps a brother, may return from “over there” with a longing to know God. They may be looking to you who profess Him, to tell them. Whom else should they look to?

Don't allow anything to interfere with the most strenuous work and attention, to the duties of your B. Y. P. U. and your Bible school study. Make ready for the great moment that you are going to have—God is counting on YOU.

In connection with our Standard campaign, Bible reading daily is required. If your Union is not in the Campaign, acquire the habit anyway of reading the Word daily. You not only learn to know what is there, but you will “know” God better too.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS
Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

The annual meeting of the Hudelson Baptist Corporation will be held in the parlor of the orphanage December 24th, 1918. Three directors are to be elected and the general policy of the orphanage during the duration of the war will be discussed. Already we have one child of an enlisted man and have agreed to care for two children of another man who is enlisting. The meeting will be important and churches should be well represented. The present superintendent will be unable to assume so much responsibility for the industrial activities of the institution, and will submit his resignation in order to enable the corporation to formulate plans for the future without embarrassment.

The children had a fine Christmas in every respect. Friends sent in supplies and cash especially for use on that occasion and the management made every reasonable provision for a good time for the boys and girls. A fine tree was secured and its decorations and load of Christmas fruits were all that could be desired. Under the direction and training of Mrs. Olson, a nice program was prepared. It was given in the dining room, which was crowded with guests from the local community.

Funds for proposed improvements are coming in slowly, but we are hopeful of being able to realize the hopes we have indulged. The increased cost of material may require more money than our first estimate of \$5,000, but we shall not be turned aside for that reason.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

Christmas this year has been a most enjoyable one for the children of the Central Baptist Children's Home. The various churches gave liberally, bringing in much appreciated supplies of groceries and the things necessary to keeping an Institution going. Each child received his share of presents and all enjoyed a Christmas feast. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking all of the churches and individuals who had a part in making this Christmas a happy one for the little ones with us. We wish also to thank those who sent in the splendid donations of canned fruit this fall. Our children are enjoying it and we are daily grateful for it. In these times it means a great deal to know that there is a supply of fruit to draw from.

Some of the children are taking advantage of the two weeks vacation and are spending some of their time among friends.

The Receiving Cottage is now completed and will, we expect, be constantly in use. We hope that it will soon be entirely free from debt.

As the New Year approaches we begin to look forward to the things to be accomplished during the coming year. Great things can be done with your assistance. Give us your hearty co-operation and support. Wishing you a very Happy New Year I am sincerely,

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

The holiday season has come and gone and left its impress of kindly hands and hearts upon our dear Old People. Gifts of cash, amounting to ninety dollars, were received from loving friends, to be used at the discretion of the Ladies' Committee. In addition there were many barrels of fruit and vegetables. Do you realize that it is costing \$650 per month to maintain our thirty-four old people in comfort?

A lady, prominent in the Evanston Baptist church, has pledged \$5.00 per week for a period of five years in memory of her many dear old friends. A

number of Sunday schools remembered us, God bless them, Evanston leading with a donation of \$105.

The Elgin church sends hers to "Our Old People's Home," that is the spirit, "Ours," "Mine."

The last two to be admitted to membership were accommodated in rooms required for other purposes and quite inadequate for their needs.

By the time this appears in print, our treasurer, Mr. C. H. Knights, will be on his annual vacation in California.

L. F. Ingersoll.

THE ANNUAL

Secretary Masterson has done faithful work on the Illinois Baptist Annual, and it will be out in a few days. He waited until the first or second day of January and made a strong effort to get all the minutes, but some of the minutes of the Southern Illinois associations and some of the negro associations were not yet printed and had to be repeated from last year. It will not be many days until the Annual will be ready for distribution.

"According to a dispatch in the Chinese Daily World, of San Francisco, from its correspondent at Shanghai, the 24th Chinese Army Corps, composed of 15,000 picked troops, including companies of engineers, commanded by Chinese graduates from American colleges, and an aviation corps trained by Americans and French, is being mobilized for immediate departure for the European battlefield."

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The Baptist parsonage building at Brimfield was destroyed by fire, as a result of a defective chimney. It was difficult to save the church building, but it was saved. There was \$600 insurance on the building, which was paid. The pastor writes, "The work at Brimfield is improving. Six more added to the Sunday school."

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† Changes in Religious and Denominational Life †

We are hearing a great deal now in the press and from the platform with regard to the great changes that must come to Christianity and our church life as a result of the war. It seems to be taken for granted that such changes are coming and men are writing and speaking very freely with regard to it; but nobody seems willing to say just what changes must take place, and yet from views held by some men who are anxious for change, we may guess what some of the changes are expected to be. Let us look at this matter from the view point of the Baptist denomination. When the war is over shall Christian people throw overboard the Bible, give up faith in its inspiration, its authority, its teaching? Shall they reject the deity of Jesus Christ, his resurrection and the Biblical account of the miracles? If so, what good would come of that? The Unitarians have been experimenting along that line for seventy-five years, and they have made no progress in their church life. Some claim that we must give up our democracy and have some kind of centralized power. But the Catholic Church, the Orthodox Greek Church, the Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, and others, have

had this centralized power for centuries, and they have not succeeded in winning the world to Christ. And the great world war today is as to whether democracy or aristocracy shall rule the world. Baptists cannot afford to give up their democratic church government now. A few Baptist people have been anxious for some time to give up baptism as a condition to membership in a Baptist church, and they seem to now think that as a result of the war all such little ceremonies will be abolished. But baptism is a positive command of Christ and was strictly carried out by the Apostles, and there is no possibility of setting it aside without entirely setting aside the teachings of the New Testament.

We do believe that there will be great changes as a result of the war and some of them are coming now. But we do not believe truth will be set aside. We do not believe the Scriptures will be overthrown. We do not believe that a single practice that is clearly based upon the word of God can be eliminated. But there ought to be and we believe there will be a great change in the people connected with the churches. Doubtless many churches will die out unless the people wake up.

At this time many churches of 200 members do not have more than 20 in prayer meeting when they ought to have at least 150. Many people who are members of the church and are engaged in teaching or professional life do not throw their educated trained minds into the work of Christianity, and but few business men and farmers give more than a trifle of their large earnings to church and missionary work. But few churches are doing the work that we need in a social way. In many ways the influence of the war will wake up the Christian people, or if they do not wake up, they must cease to exist as organized churches. We fully believe that churches and missionary societies cannot drift along for the next fifty years as they have done in the past fifty. We cannot continue to be Christian in name, and not in life. We must demonstrate to the world that we are what we profess to be, and truly represent the Christ, or we must not claim to be Christians at all.

**\$1,000,000 CAMPAIGN; \$65,000 FOR
ILLINOIS**

We called attention in the January issue of the great movement of the laymen of the Northern Baptist Convention, with headquarters in the Fifth Avenue Building, New York City, and Rev. Fred P. Haggard, D.D., as secretary. Mr. W. G. Brimson, 125 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, is chairman of the Illinois Committee. The plan is to raise \$1,000,000 above the apportionments of this year for the work of the societies in the Northern Baptist Convention, including \$150,000 for work among our Baptist soldier boys. This is not a large sum for these times if the

laymen will take hold of it. There is now less than two months to do it in. Some wealthy laymen will doubtless give large sums. Very many will probably give \$10,000 or \$5,000, and when it comes down to \$1,000 or \$500 the number should greatly increase. Let each layman ask himself the question: Can he afford to save any money during these war times. Now is the time when everybody in America should give all he possibly can to save the world. Many, very many, have capital, a portion of which they could give, and should give. Almost everybody is making something, and many are making much money. All of us must live these times of high cost of living, but we should all live economically, save what we can, and during the war give all our savings for various kinds of benevolent work. Heed this great call of the laymen during February and March. We are sure the committee did not assign a large sum to Illinois compared to other states. We hope the Baptists of Illinois will respond so liberally that the sum raised will be \$100,000 instead of \$65,000, the sum asked for.

"Last summer 200,000 home and vacant lot gardens were under cultivation in Chicago; 8,000 acres were plowed and 120,000 people called at the garden bureau to arrange for gardens."

"One pound less of wheat flour a week per person in the United States would save 133,000,000 bushels of wheat for our armies and our allies. That would go far toward filling the gap between the need and the supply."

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MANY Bulletin subscriptions were out in January. Notices have been sent to the pastors or clerks. No papers will be sent out until renewals are received.

A BLUE cross always shows that the time has expired. Let no issue be lost; renew at once. It costs nearly as much to publish 5,000 as 10,000. The Convention wants the people to read the Bulletin.

THE old people can hardly refer any more to the "old time winters." Perhaps no winter in seventy-five years has surpassed the present one in severe weather, so much snow, and so much zero weather in December and January.

THE severe weather has been very much against our evangelistic work this winter. For two months, we have scarcely had a pleasant Sunday, and nearly all the days have been very cold or stormy.

THE fuel shortage has been very much against all church work this winter. In many places the churches have had union services and in many buildings only the basements were used, and in some places the churches closed up.

THERE seems to have been less revival work throughout Illinois this winter than for a long time. Severe weather, shortage of fuel, and the war talk and war conditions, seem to have held back the revival spirit.

ON the whole, there seems to be encouragement among our Baptist people of the state. While conditions have been against revival work and increase of membership, yet both churches and pastors seem determined to press on in the work, and there is a hope for larger religious interest in the near future.

NOW is the time for everybody to work and do business. Now is the time to make money and make as much as can be made honestly and honorably. Now is the time to economize and save and it is the time above all others in the world's history when we should not hoard our savings, but spend them *now*, during this war to save the world.

IT IS just as important to sustain our churches here in America and to carry on foreign missionary work as it is to give for the war Y. M. C. A. work and the Red Cross and other benevolent objects. We can do it all if we work to that end, and forget self during these war times.

The Single Collecting Agency plan is to be tried out in Illinois. Dr. Augustus S. Carman has been elected to this work and will take charge of all the apportionment budgets in Illinois. He is in Chicago now working in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions. On April 1st, all the money for Foreign Missions, including women's

foreign work, and Home Missions, including women's home mission work, Publication Society, M. & M. Benefit Fund, Education and State Convention, will be sent to Dr. Carman, Y. M. C. A. Bldg., 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, and he will distribute it monthly to each society as it shall be designated. This is money collected on the apportionments. Money in Illinois for special objects, such as special evangelist, or fund for the State University Church, or annuities, or any special donation for the State Convention, should be sent to Supt. E. P. Brand, Normal, or Treasurer L. K. Evans, El Paso, just as before. This single collecting agency will not cost any more than Dr. Aitchison's joint collecting agency when he was in Chicago, and it will not only do the work for foreign and home missions, but will save much work and expense on the part of women's missions, Publication Society, State Convention and others. Dr. Carman's office will have to handle about \$140,000 per year to start with. Let us all give this new plan our hearty support and make it a success in every way.

**A PAPER WHOSE MOTTO IS "SPEAK
THE TRUTH IN LOVE"**

The Illinois Baptist has had very much to say within the last few weeks concerning Rev. A. C. Kelly, Superintendent of the Hudelson Orphanage, and Rev. V. Colbert, Missionary of the Alton Association. Anyone who reads the Illinois Baptist and believes all it says and who does not personally know those brethren would think them among the worst type of men in the whole state. But what kind of men are these

who are so bitterly abused by the editor of the Southern Illinois paper and some of its correspondents? Rev. A. C. Kelly was for quite a number of years an honored pastor of Baptist churches in Illinois. For more than a dozen years he has been superintendent and manager of the Hudelson Home. He took it when it had only a few thousand dollars in capital, and was doing but little work. During all these years he has proven himself to be one of the best and most level-headed orphanage men in the state. He is loved by the children and helpers in the institution and respected and trusted by the people of the state.

Rev. V. Colbert has been working in the Alton Association for ten or twelve years. During that time he has built four meeting houses on mission fields in the Alton Association. For about four years he has been missionary in that great association, and seems to grow stronger each year. He is highly appreciated and greatly respected by the people of that Association and of the State Convention. What then, is the trouble with these brethren, that they have come under the censure of the Illinois Baptist? Simply this: While they live in the southern one-third of the state, they persistently refuse to come under the dominion of Throgmortonism, and do not hesitate to oppose that system both by word of mouth and by printed page. The free circulation of that paper, which contains not only editorial matter concerning Kelly and Colbert, but also concerning the Superintendent of the Convention, entered into the homes of many pastors and laymen of the State Convention and was read by everyone who received it, and caused a great deal of

amusement. Some of our people did not know that there was in existence such a paper claiming to be Baptist. The only paper in the world that is fighting the Northern Baptist Convention and men associated with it doing good and constructive work, is the Illinois Baptist. Our brethren were glad to see one copy of it.

WHY SUPPORT THE STATE CONVENTION

There are several distinct missionary interests that our churches and individuals are asked to support. The three most important of these are Foreign Missions, Home Missions and State Convention. The State Convention occupies a position that should give it first place, and put it nearer the hearts of Baptists than any other organization. The Convention is the denomination in the state organized for service. In Illinois the Baptist State Convention has been doing service for seventy-three years. About one-fourth of the churches in the state are in existence because of the work of the State Convention. Now the Convention is back of Home and Foreign Missions and women's missions and all Baptist institutions in the state trying to push their interests along. It assists in the support of more than seventy-five missionaries and evangelists; it publishes and circulates much Baptist literature in the state; it is back of the missionary work at the State University; it aids in all the foreign work in the state; it has two negro general missionaries working in the state. No church and no individual Baptist can neglect the support of the State Convention and have any claim to be a true or loyal Baptist. Now is the time, this year,

when the Convention should have more money than any year in its history, and yet we do not want the money unless we can have with it the good will and heartfelt sympathy of our Baptist people. Every pastor should see to it that his people have opportunity to give liberally for this work.

Some of our State Convention missionaries are not taking the Bulletin or are not getting up a club in their churches. It seems to us that a club of ten at twenty cents per year, or a club of twenty at fifteen cents, could be gotten up in almost any little church if the pastor would work for it. It does not mean much financially, but it means a great deal to the people who take it.

The editor of the Illinois Baptist seems to make a careful and studied effort to make an unfavorable impression upon its readers concerning everything pertaining to the Baptists of the North, gives information in part and withholds what is necessary to a complete understanding. He frequently quotes from Dr. Strong's theology in fighting the union work of the Free Baptists and Baptists in Southern Illinois, but he has never told his readers that Dr. Strong was in entire sympathy with the union of the two denominations, and never uttered a word against the Free Baptists coming into the Baptist denomination. He frequently quotes strong Baptist articles from the Journal and Messenger, but he never tells his readers that Dr. Lasher and the Journal and Messenger are in entire sympathy with the union of these two Baptist bodies in Ohio. The editor of the Illinois Baptist often refers to some people in the North who favor open membership, but he does not state

that every Baptist paper in the North opposes it, and that the Watchman-Examiner, the great Baptist paper for New England and the central eastern states, strongly opposes it by editorial and contributed articles. He quotes some of these from the Watchman-Examiner, but fails to tell his people editorially that this Northern paper is strongly opposed to any such movement. The said editor reads the Bulletin, and he knows that its editor is as strong a Baptist as he himself is; that he opposes open membership; that he opposes union of affiliated churches; that he believes in the Order of the Ordinances, and that the clear teaching of the New Testament is that baptism is a necessary qualification for the Lord's Supper, etc., etc., and yet his writings in his paper have led many of his readers to think that the editor of the Bulletin and Superintendent of the State Convention is an infidel and some of them express themselves in that way.

The Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society will hold its February meeting in Immanuel Church, Chicago, February 12-14. The members of the Board have been invited to speak in the Chicago churches on the tenth and also to speak at the ministers' meeting on the morning of the eleventh. A special conference with pastors and members of the Board is being arranged for the evening of the eleventh.

The Board will be in regular session at 9:30 a.m., at 2:00 p.m. and inspirational meetings will be held on the evenings of the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth.

The friends of our Society, both pastors and laymen, are invited to at-

tend any and all sessions of the Board. This will afford a splendid opportunity of becoming more intimately acquainted with the opportunities and responsibilities and problems which we are facing in connection with the conduct of our foreign mission work.

J. Y. Aitchison,
Home Secretary.

"Statistical reports for 1916 show that 688 foreign missionaries, including those of the Woman's Society, are now serving the denomination in this great enterprise."

THE WAR

The past three months have been rather discouraging for the Allies and there has been some pessimism expressed in some English papers. The whole Russian empire seems to have gone to pieces and cannot be depended upon as a military power against the central powers.

The great drive into Italy, which the failure of Russia enabled the central powers to accomplish, was discouraging to the allies, but the spirit of the war seems to be changing, and at this writing the outlook is more hopeful. There has not at any time been a feeling that Germany would win the war in the end, but the prospects were favorable for a long war. However, now the condition seems to be as follows. Germany has not yet brought Russia to an ignoble peace, and Russia may not yet be of much help to Germany. Much unrest and indications of revolution seem to be developing among the German and Austrian people, and a strong plea for peace. The Italian drive seems to have ceased and the indications are that the central powers have gone as far as they can. With all the reinforcements drawn from the Russian war line, the enemy has not

yet been able to make an impression upon the English and French lines in France and Belgium. The one year of submarine horrors has failed to make much headway against the allies, and the allies have more boats and are doing more shipping now than one year ago.

America, in ten months war, has now at least 500,000 men in France and perhaps 1,500,000 more who can be sent over this year. The United States navy and shipping equipment are in good condition and rapidly improving. While the United States is doing much now, yet its power will only begin to be felt in a large measure by the fall of 1918, and this power can go on increasing until we have 5,000,000 men, if need be, in the war. The military autocracy of Prussia must be beaten at whatever cost, and it will be, however long a time it may take to do it.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. C. R. Drussell, who has been pastor at Berwick for six or seven years has accepted a call to the Elliott Avenue church in Springfield and will begin his work there March 1st. Brother Drussell has done good work on the Berwick field and leaves that church in good condition. It is one of the very best village and country churches in the state and has the entire field without competition, and has a splendid meeting house and good parsonage. The Elliott Avenue Church, to which he goes, is a comparatively new church and yet has something more than 500 members. The field needs much work done in the way of developing the Christian life of the members, but it affords a great opportunity.

Rev. John W. Merrill, who has been

the successful pastor of the South Chicago Baptist Church for a good many years, has accepted a call to the Carbondale Church in Southern Illinois. That church made an effort to secure Brother Merrill about one year ago, but he did not at that time feel that he ought to leave his Chicago pastorate. He will find the Carbondale Church a large and important field.

Forest City and Kilbourne have succeeded in locating Rev. J. A. Bruggink, of Whiting, Kansas, as pastor of the two churches. Brother Bruggink comes well recommended from Kansas, and it is hoped that a large work will be done on those fields; they are well located to work together.

The Blandinsville Church, after having been pastorless for about five months, has located Rev. Mr. Gray of Indiana as its pastor.

"A minister said recently during thirteen years he had heard only one pastor pray at a public service that young people might become missionaries."

CHURCHES

The Rantoul Church, through its trustees, expresses very great appreciation of the work of Rev. C. E. Pool during his five years' pastorate on that field, and expressed very great regret at his leaving the church. Brother Pool has accepted a call to the Pekin Church in the Bloomington Association and recently resigned at Rantoul. During his pastorate the meeting house was burned down and a splendid new building was erected.

Rev. John H. Martin, pastor at Greenville, expresses himself as very hopeful concerning the work there. The financial interests of the church were never in better condition than at the present time,

Rev. H. R. Waldo became pastor of the Macomb Church January 1, 1917. During the year 57 new members were received into the church. The church met all its financial obligations, both for current expenses and for missions, and expended about \$800 on church repairs. They have started a parsonage fund and now have \$500 on hand and expect to build a parsonage this coming year.

The Martin's Prairie Church was dedicated on that terribly cold Sunday in December and the dedication was followed by special meetings, conducted by Rev. J. W. Patterson, Morrisonville. A layman in the church writes that they had splendid crowds, and twenty-two or twenty-three conversions. The church was at that time making a strong effort to locate a pastor, but we have not yet learned whether or not they have succeeded.

The Arcola Church of which Rev. L. E. Ellison is pastor, seems to be greatly encouraged in its work. It has raised more money for current expenses and missions than during any year in its history. This church has made great advancement during the past few years; in fact, it has made rapid gains since it decided to do away with its old meeting house and build a nice modern church building. Brother Ellison and his wife seem well adapted for that field.

"The nearest mission station to Gauhati, Assam, in time of travel is as far as from Boston to Chicago, and the two most remote stations are as far apart in time as San Francisco and Constantinople."

DEATHS

Mr. Emmons Fowle, a member of the Baptist Church at Macomb, lost his life when the boat Alcedo was torpedoed by a German submarine. The

church and citizens held a special service in his memory.

Private Ray M. Waples, a member of the Presbyterian Church at Nokomis, who was engaged to marry Miss Orlena Smith, daughter of Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor of the Nokomis Baptist Church, died of pneumonia in Halifax, N. S., just before his company sailed for France. The body was shipped back to Nokomis, where it laid in state for several hours in the church. The funeral was attended by a great multitude of people.

PERSONALS

Rev. P. D. Mangum, formerly pastor of the Belleville Church in Illinois, and now pastor at Paris, Missouri, reports their new \$30,000 meeting house paid for and large congregations. His work in Missouri seems to be quite successful.

The many friends of Rev. J. F. Howard, who spent about forty years in the pastorate in Illinois, will regret to learn that his health is in very poor condition. He and his wife are now stopping with their son in Houston, Texas.

Rev. J. W. Smith, who has been the pastor of the Nokomis Church for three years, was recently given an increase by his church of \$150 on his salary. If more churches would take into consideration the increase in the cost of living in the past three years, they would help their pastors out by increase of salary.

At Christmas time the Hudson Church surprised its pastor, Rev. F. W. Cliff, with a purse of \$130. He greatly appreciated this expression of good will on the part of his people.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

The State Convention has employed Rev. S. H. Gibson of Bloomington to become a general missionary among the colored Baptists in central and southern portions of the state. He began work January 1st. The Board also continues Rev. E. H. Fletcher until the close of the year, as missionary among the colored people throughout the northern part of the state. Both of these appointments are in co-operation with the Negro State Convention.

Rev. F. M. Dunk assisted Rev. H. C. Leland in meetings at Divernon during the early part of January. The very severe weather was very much against the meetings and yet much good was accomplished. Dr. Leland writes, "We had not one good day during the two weeks meetings. Brother Dunk gave us good service and left everybody pleased and wishing he might stay longer. He is certainly as nearly an ideal pastor's helper as it has been my privilege to labor with. His sermons and songs are full of gospel power."

Rev. J. M. Osborne writes January 14th, "The cold weather is greatly hindering us in our church building. We have scarcely done anything for the last month. I received twelve members into our East Moline Church last Sunday, more to follow."

Missionary N. T. Hafer has been kept busy visiting different churches that need some assistance. He spent some time with the LaMoille Church in January and will begin at Elliott Avenue, Springfield, February 3rd.

Missionary E. H. Fletcher spent Sunday, January 29th, among the colored people at Dixon, but the weather was so severe, and most of the colored men were engaged in shoveling snow,

so that he could not have services. The severe weather this winter has been very much against all church work.

A NOTABLE CHRISTMAS EVE

"Anyone who thinks that the Christmas spirit has been perverted or is waning should have been at the Baptist Church in Toulon on Christmas Eve. It was by far the most remarkable Christmas that the church has ever seen. The thought was "Others," and it was backed up by actions of "White Gifts for the King." Little children came lugging their bundles of gifts, and purses and checkbooks liberally co-operated to make the Christmas in many ways the best Christmas we have ever had. About \$200 was contributed in cash and other gifts. The institutions remembered were Maywood Orphanage, Maywood Old People's Home, Oneida Institute, Armenian children, five soldiers at Camp Dodge, to educate a foreign woman to become a missionary, Bible woman in India, and other objects."

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR JANUARY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Alton First Church	\$ 56.25
Becker, Frank, Tremont, S. E. F.	\$10.00
Bulletin advertisement	9.00
Bulletin subscriptions	73.77
Chicago, First Church	12.12
Chicago, Irving Park Church	20.47
Chicago, Messiah Church	3.88
Chicago, Ravenswood Church	11.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	129.30
Chrisman Church	6.20
Collected on Mission F'elds	
H. F. Jones	103.40
East Moline Special Fund	25.00
Fenity, Mrs. Helen, Kane	4.00
Glencoe Union Church	30.00
Home Mission Society	121.66
Home Mission Society, S. E. F.	129.70
Jerseyville Church	29.59

Joliet, Eastern Avenue Church.....	35.38
Joliet First Church	12.00
Lexington Church	3.50
Memorial Church of Christ	36.50
Normal Church	9.36
La Grange Church	10.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Oakford, H. L., Clinton, S. E. F.....	5.00
Oak Park First Church.....	25.00
Peoria Ass'n Missionary Com.....	32.40
*Pleasant Grove Church	5.00
Quincy Ass'n Missionary Com.....	33.85
Rebate on expense	13.67
Reynolds Church	10.00
Stronghurst, Interest	55.70
University Church Fund.....	424.00
Total	\$1551.70

The editor recently spent a Sunday morning with the University church. It was very cold. To save fuel the church and Sunday school have been conducting services down stairs in the dining and reception rooms. The Sunday school that morning was not large but very good. Pastor Bryant was sick with tonsilitis, and one of the students gave a very good address. There were 112 persons present at the preaching service, and the interest seemed very good.

Sunday, February 3rd, was spent with the Hinckley and Shabbona churches in the Aurora Association. These churches were both closed up a few years ago, but through the work of the State Convention they have both done good work the past five or six years. Each has a student supply, and both seem to be doing good work. Both meeting houses are in good condition and Shabbona has been self-supporting for more than a year, and Hinckley is very nearly so. The congregations at both places were good considering the very cold weather, icy walks and bad roads.

The First Baptist Church of Danville, of which Rev. E. L. Krumreig, D.D., is pastor, has made rapid gains in membership during the past four

years. Under the leadership of Dr. Krumreig they built a fine church three years ago, the building costing perhaps \$40,000. There is a very heavy debt against this building. A debt of \$5,000 is being carried against the old church property, which has not been sold, and a building and loan association of Danville took a \$20,000 loan upon the new property. The church is having hard work to keep up these payments and the interest. These people may ask for help. If anyone receives a communication from them and can render any assistance, it will be greatly appreciated and will help a very worthy cause.

War conditions seem to be such at this time that the Central Powers of Europe will probably hold out until the full strength of the United States is thrown into the conflict. By the first of April we will probably have a million men in France and possibly another million in training. This country could better afford to put five million men into the conflict than to have our modern civilization destroyed by the modern barbarism led on by the militaristic autocracy of Prussia. However, even though a victory might be gained over the Central Powers of Europe, the benefit to civilization would be greatly hindered unless the churches and missionary societies, both at home and abroad, maintain their strength and spiritual life and evangelistic purpose. There has not been a time in 1900 years when there was greater reason for Christian people to throw their full strength of spiritual and material interests toward the advancement of the Kingdom. Christian people and American citizens cannot afford to lay up money in these war times.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Elgin

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The meeting of the Board of the State Mission Society was held on January 25, attended by 26 members, all earnest and thoughtful in seeking the best way to meet problems of both national societies in the state. Mrs. Church reported leaflets about the reading contest exhausted and asked for printing of 500 more. Reports are that some have already read the required books.

If Rock Island Association is to hold the cup another year she must be very active, interesting every woman possible to read some of the books.

W. W. Girls report 160 guilds in the state, more than half as many as Women's Circles. We cannot have too many for they will soon take the places of the older women.

Miss Erminie Broadstone, District Secretary of the Central District of the W. A. B. H. M. S. from Nov. 7 to Dec. 11, visited churches in the Northwestern part of the state in the interest of the society. She attended a mid-winter meeting in Freeport, and later was at all but two of the churches of the old Dixon Association. She also was in the Rock Island, Peoria and Salem Associations, speaking at Sunday services, Women's Circles, W. W. Guilds and organizing union societies embracing church and missionary interests at Warren, Orion, Providence and Enon.

She found many women interested and enthusiastic about the Reading

Course, but also met the condition existing in many places where women are interested in Red Cross work and missionary interests are suffered to languish. While we cannot do too much for Red Cross, we should not do any less for missions. The new world which is being born will have more of Christ. When it is ready to more generally accept Him there must be well laid foundations on which to build. His work must not suffer in this branch while other problems are being worked out by blood-shed and sacrifice, even as His blood was shed to redeem the world from sin.

Mrs. Louella Vinneledge, State Secretary for the W. A. B. F. M. S. sends the following:

A workers' conference, consisting of the presidents and secretaries of Circles of the West and North districts of the Chicago Association, was held recently on two different dates. The special aim was to get in closer touch with the circle officers and discuss problems and plans for progressive, effective work of the Central District goals for the year. These meetings were called and arranged for by the Foreign secretaries of the district, Mrs. Brownlee and Mrs. Julia Summer. They were informal and helpful, especially to the officers who were new and have no other means of coming in contact with the leaders of the Mission work

Sunday School Work in Illinois



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Our department planned to held institutes with groups of churches, but on account of the weather and war conditions we were obliged to abandon the plan for the present, as it seems almost impossible to secure an attendance from outside the place of meeting, especially during the cold weather. We are now trying to hold parlor conferences with individual churches, with the exception of Wednesdays and Sundays, on account of the fact that so many churches are conserving coal. These conferences are held in the private home, thus doing away with the necessity of heating the church building. Anyone desiring such a meeting with Sunday school workers may write to me for a date.

New Year's night I spoke at Berwyn to a get-together meeting of the church. I met the teachers of the Bethesda church (colored) and discussed evangelism. One evening was given to the Workers' Conference of the Garfield Park church. This is a monthly meeting and always offers a fine opportunity to present some phase of practical Sunday school work.

Pastor Shields of Windsor Park had arranged some time before to have me conduct a decision service in his school the first Sunday in the month. We had a most delightful meeting with his

workers on Saturday evening by way of preparation. When we awoke in the morning it was to face one of the worst blizzards of the season, and while we held services, it was impossible to carry out our plans for the day. The attendance was good considering the day, and the services were enjoyed by those present.

The following night I went to Morgan Park to a Workers' conference. The worthy and well qualified Superintendent is John Ruthven, chairman of our Sunday School Department, and as usual he is making things move in the right direction.

The next meeting was at Moweaqua with Pastor Cozad and his fine band of people. He has won their hearts and is enjoying a hearty co-operation and the church is taking on new life.

The church at Carbondale has called Rev. J. W. Merrill of South Chicago and is looking forward to his coming with great expectation.

The last Sunday was spent in Belleville where Pastor Hyde is doing good work on a difficult field. Both pastor and people deserve great credit for faithfulness.

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Chicago Union is entering heartily into the arrangement being made by the Baptist Executive Council of the city, whereby Rev. Gage, pastor of Garfield Park church, has been called to act as Director of Sunday School and Young People's work for the Chicago Association, and they believe that this means a step forward and that great things are coming. They are especially anxious to "do their bit" toward the success of the great "Sunday meeting" to be held during March. This campaign is now beginning. A series of meetings are being held in the various districts for our young people, Al Saunders, one of the most efficient of Mr. Sunday's assistants being the speaker. Mr. Saunders has a real message of his own that he gives with such force and power that interest and enthusiasm for Mr. Sunday and his work is created in all his audiences.

Severe weather has maintained for such a length of time, and, strange to say, seems more severe on Sunday than other days, that church services have been, in many cases, abandoned for several Sundays. "Union services" have also been arranged in several places, these to continue for the next few weeks. The coal situation is the cause of some of this, in Chicago Association.

So many of our young men have enlisted or been drawn into our great

National Army, that the ones left at the home "base" are finding it quite difficult to "keep the home fires burning" and, at the same time give needed attention to work for the Association, or State Unions. The young ladies are faithful, however, and are not only "attending to their knitting," but are keeping things moving. Some of them complain that the young men who remain at home, are using the excuse that the war is taking so much of their time that they cannot attend to the work of the B. Y. P. U. The "boys over there," or in cantonment, will expect to find a strong welcome from the B. Y. P. U. when they return. They also appreciate, greatly, letters from home. "Correspondence clubs" have been organized in some Unions to take charge of writing the boys who are gone. Try it in your union.

Due to the government control of railroads, it is going to be difficult to arrange for the usual "Oskawawa special" to the B. Y. P. U. A. Convention at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, next July. We ought to be thinking of this meeting, however, and plan to send delegates. Illinois must not be behind in attendance there. More definite announcement of plans for a party will be made in March. In the meantime, Unions should begin definite plans to send representatives.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Our children were amply provided with good things at the Christmas time. They also had their annual trip to Centralia for the purpose of buying their Christmas presents. This applies only to the older children who have some specific duties connected with the life and industries of the institution, and who had some money of their own to spend.

Owing to the disorganized transportation, very few people were able to attend our annual meeting on January 24th. The few who gathered deemed it best to adjourn until some later date to be fixed by the superintendent. This adjourned meeting will probably be called at Centralia in order to better accommodate those who may desire to attend. While people can get into Centralia from many directions and return the same day, it is exceedingly difficult to reach Irvington and return to their homes in one day. Pastor Davies of Marissa was away from his home two nights and three days in order to be present on the 24th.

The exceedingly severe weather has made work on our new industrial building impossible for several weeks. The basement story is complete, and as soon as the weather will permit completion of the building will pushed.

War conditions have prevented response to our appeals for the improvement funds. While the first appeals were prompt and liberal, since the declaration of war, money has been coming very slowly.

The annual report of the superintendent indicates the most successful financial year we have yet experienced,, however, so far as current needs are concerned.

An aged man in the southern part of the state writes as follows: "I have just read the new Bulletin and write to say that I expect to have \$1,000 for the State Convention in an annuity bond." We wish more of the readers of the Bulletin would write that kind of letters. Quite recently a maiden lady sent us \$1000 for an annuity bond. It is the best and safest investment one can make to secure an income on his money while he lives and at his death he knows that it will be used in missionary and denominational work in the state. Let people who have means think of what they, as stewards of the Lord, should do with it. Those Baptist people who have money from which they do not need the income, would do well to give it outright and have the whole of it go for the Lord's work, but if they need the income while they live, let them take out an annuity bond in the Illinois Baptist State Convention.

"Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

"In Mexico two new out-stations have been opened during the year: a Chinese Mission in Mexico City, and another in Tampico. At the latter place Pastor Policarpo Barro has had the joy of seeing a number of Chinese young men accept Christ. Eleven of them were baptized on one Sunday. The Chinese colony in Mexico is estimated upwords of 10,000."

National Committee of Northern Baptist Laymen

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HEARING FROM THE COUNTRY

When statesmen launch a new policy in government, they "hear from the country." The messages of their constituents give them sorrow or joy, conditional on the reception accorded the new policy by the "home folks."

Religious statesmen among American Baptists of the Northern Convention have been "hearing from the country" since that unofficial conclave of laymen in Chicago voted unanimously January 11, to wage a patriotic and religious campaign of education and finance, and turned over the direction of the movement to a national campaign committee. If there are any pessimistic opinions regarding this project, they are being studiously concealed.

It seems to be a "band-wagon proposition." The vote is unanimous in the states as it was at Chicago. Scores of telegrams and letters are coming to the national campaign headquarters, Fifth Avenue Building, New York City. Every message is an omen of victory and a call to service.

Naturally, so short a campaign as this—closing in ten weeks—to raise \$1,000,000, could not be set up with technical regard for all the niceties of purely democratic procedure. No time was left to permit delegates to go home and consult, to find out how much support could be secured. In time of war, emergencies must be met without delay. Baptists' loyalty was the bank on which the Chicago conference drew without question.

Now come the pledges of support from all parts of the land. Chicago delegates, returning home and reporting to their constituents, declare that the movement was begun in the right way, at the right time, for a right purpose. Laymen, clergymen, editors, professional men, men in the ranks and men of state and national repute as leaders in business, are hastening to assure the campaign managers of their desire to help.

"Not diminution, but substitution—that is all food conservation asks. Bran meal muffins for breakfast and corn meal bread, or johnny-cake for lunch will send wheat to the men in the trenches."

Extremely cold and snowy weather had not only interfered very much with regular church work, but has greatly worked against us in our evangelistic campaign. Bethany church in Peoria had to cancel a meeting because of lack of coal. Immanuel church in Chicago could not open up Sunday, January 13th for lack of coal. At the time of this writing, the great Normal school in the city of Normal is closed for a few days on account of coal shortage.

Dr. John R. Mott says, "The Y. M. C. A. is called upon to minister to 24,000,000 men and boys at the present time, 6,000,000 of whom are prisoners of war. Never in its seventy years' history has the association so much needed the prayers of the Christian church as now, and nothing but prayer can save the association from its greatest perils, one of which is the danger lest it compromise with the world."

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Friends interested in the Home, have been pleased to note through the Bulletin, the splendid progress made during the few years of the existence of our Home, and we are glad to add that through the effort of our Board of Managers, assisted by a few others, the debt of \$1600.00 on our hospital department will, February 7th, be wiped out. Also, that notwithstanding the increased cost of living, we have been able each month to provide food, fuel and necessary comforts for the welfare of our forty-one residents of the Home and report all bills paid.

This has not been done without anxiety, strenuous effort and sacrifice on the part of some.

The large number of donations of canned goods from churches have helped much in diminishing these bills, but what of the months before us? Each month we face a necessary expenditure of about \$650.00 and a blank wall for assets, except for the interest on our endowment and a few sustaining pledges which seem like a strong arm under us.

Then, the faith which has always sustained us that this work of caring for the aged is dear to Our Father and his children will not see it lack.

We ask you *now* to consider whether you or your church have done as suggested by the report of the Committee on Philanthropy, adopted by our last State Convention.

We quote, "The Old People's Home at Maywood was visited by your chairman. The property was found in first class condition and the residents happy

in the excellent care given them. The Home is decidedly a credit to the denomination.

"In order to meet its growing needs, it should be furnished an addition to its building, its endowment increased to at least \$100,000.00, and given more support by the churches and individuals until this endowment is secured. The denomination at large should do more than it has in the past to carry the burdens that have been borne so valiantly by a few."

Now that President Wilson, Governor Lowden and other good and prominent men who are also vitally interested in all forms of patriotic service and sacrifice, are urging our citizens to "*Hold the Home Lines*," "*Take Care of Our Home Charities*," "*A Time for Sacrifice, but Not Sacrifice of the Needy and Helpless in Our Midst*," is it too much to ask that every Baptist Church that has not already done so, send us within the next two months, either

1. A contribution for current expense or a statement of what your church has given since January 1917.

2. *What* you will give and *when* we may count on it.

This is necessary in order to properly plan and do our work.

Evangelist F. L. Church aided the pastor at Chicago Heights in a meeting during some of the severest weather in January. The meeting was good, considering the very bad weather. His next meeting will be at Roodhouse.

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THE LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT



Never in the history of our denomination have the Laymen undertaken such great things as now. They of the Northern Baptist Convention have undertaken to raise \$1,000,000 for the work of the societies of the Convention. This is to be \$1,000,000 more than was raised last year, and this great sum is to be raised by March 31st. The easiest way for committees of laymen in Associations or Districts would be to divide it up and assign so much to each church. That would prove to be an absolute failure. This is not to be laid upon the pastors and churches as such. The laymen should see to it that the apportionments are raised by March 31st. There must be no falling back upon the churches, as such, or we would make no gain by this great effort. This is a layman's movement and while the pastors are back of the layman, they can not assign so much to the church and expect the pastor to raise it. This is the greatest opportunity that our laymen have had to do things. It will be a great mistake to ask small things of well to do laymen. \$100 or fifty dollars should not be asked of men who are able to give \$1,000 or \$2,000 and who would give it if they could be made to see the need of the work.

Every Baptist who can do any thing however small should have a desire to do something in the great campaign, but the laymen must not depend upon the small contributions from the churches, but upon the individual gifts of liberal, and well to do laymen. There are many, very many laymen who know that they have more property than they need, more than they will ever need, and many of them could give from \$1,000 to \$5,000 in this \$1,000,000 campaign and scarcely miss it from their capital.

These war times are the times above all others for centuries past when men should give heroically. It will not mean much for the next generation for men to leave it large quantities of money, but it means much for men to leave it a good Christian civilization. Let hundreds of laymen in Illinois decide to do big things for Christ's Kingdom before March 31st.

Pastor Walter Fowle of Galesburg writes a card saying, "Greetings from Camp Beauregard, Alexander, La. All tied up by quarantine here, so am limited as to nature of my work, but can minister to boys at Base Hospital."

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

The Chicago Heights Church, of which Rev. Henry Duff has been pastor for about five years, is planning for aggressive work. The pastor has laid out some very aggressive work, and the church voted unanimously to stand with him. Chicago Heights is a growing city and there is great opportunity for the Baptists if they will strongly take hold of the work.

Rev. L. B. Trites of Danville began a meeting at Palermo Sunday, February 17th. The Missionary expects to assist Pastor Lively at Mattoon the first half of March, and Hopkins in Campaign from March 17th until Easter.

Our two colored missionaries seem to be doing active work. Brother Gibson has visited many churches in the northern half of the State, trying to stir up a missionary spirit among them, and will soon visit the churches in the southern portion of the State. Missionary Fletcher has been busy mostly in Chicago and Dixon and other points near the city.

Since the February Bulletin was published, Evangelist Dunk has held two meetings. One at Olney, where cold weather was very much against the meetings but they had a good time. The pastor writes a very favorable letter. He says, "The work of Evangelist Dunk was greatly appreciated by all who heard him; I like Brother Dunk so well that I shall want him again some time; he is a good evangelist." The second meeting was with the Claim Street Church, Aurora. There was no large result there, but it was a helpful meeting. On both fields there were some results by way of additions to the churches.

Rev. F. L. Church held a meeting in February at Roodhouse. The pastor,

Rev. Russell A. Rapson, wrote a long letter of appreciation of Brother Church's work. They wanted to have him come back for another meeting next fall. The two weeks' meeting will probably result in fifty or fifty-five additions to the church. The collection was quite liberal and was cheerfully given.

SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Not Held in 1918

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Department of the State Convention has decided not to attempt to hold a Summer Assembly this year at Shurtleff College, but to plan for the first meeting in the new location in 1919. After a thorough discussion, and several months given to consider the matter, the members of the department felt that on account of war conditions it was not best to attempt to hold an Assembly this coming summer. There are so many urgent calls for money, and so many of our young men have gone to the front that it seemed not best this year to urge contributions and such an attendance as would make the assembly a success. It was not thought for a moment of giving up the assembly work, but not to attempt it this year. We believe the denomination will concur in the decision of the department in postponing the assembly for one year.

Evangelist J. N. Edmondson held a meeting in January with the Baptists of Medora. Twenty-five made a profession of faith and eighteen were baptized. The Mission Board of Missouri has arranged with Brother Edmondson for four months' work, beginning August 1st. He has accepted that, but will be open for evangelistic work during the spring and early summer months.

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THE LAYMAN'S CAMPAIGN

ONLY the remainder of March is the time left for the thirty-three northern states to raise \$1,000,000, and Illinois \$65,000.

THIS great sum of money is to help the Foreign and Home Mission Societies, including the Women's Societies, close the year without debt and to undertake other especially needed work.

IT will give the Educational Board of the Northern Baptist Convention the money it must have to do the Educational work so badly needed.

IT will furnish \$150,000 toward doing the spiritual and religious work needed among the Baptist soldier boys.

A TELEGRAM from Cairo reads as follows: "March 3, 1918. The First Baptist Church today gave \$1,000 for Baptist Laymen's Campaign. Pastor Lamkin put his whole soul into this and gave himself \$125. Great meeting tonight. People happy to give. Albert H. Gage."

THIS great movement on the part of the Cairo Church should inspire Baptists all over the state to do great things just now.

LAYMEN of means should look upon this Laymen's Movement as their great opportunity. Many, very many of our men have more money laid up than they will ever need. Some of them are making money in considerable sums. Many could give \$1,000, others \$500, and some \$5,000, and not be financially embarrassed by it.

THE duty of the well to do laymen to the next generation is the kind of society and civilization they can leave it, not the amount of money. Christian stewards should look upon their capital as money to be used to save the world and not to be hoarded away for the next generation to use.

LET everybody remember that after April first is the time to send all money to the single collecting agent, Dr. A. S. Carman, Y. M. C. A. building, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago.

DO not send any State Convention money to him until after April 1st. Then send all that is paid in on apportionments to him. Send Special Evangelistic money, special funds, annuities and State University money to the superintendent or treasurer as before.

LET all money raised for Women's work and Home and Foreign Mission Societies and Publication Society and for Education and Ministers and Missionaries Benefit fund, and State Convention, that is a part of the apportionments be sent to Dr. Carman after April 1st.

Rev. C. P. Greenfield expresses himself as well pleased with the work at Paris. It is moving along nicely along all lines.

THROGMORTON-COLBERT

The editor of the Illinois Baptist devotes large space in his paper of January in reply to a leaflet published by Rev. V. Colbert with regard to the beginning of the "Illinois Baptist State Association." Dr. Throgmorton gives much space to what he claims the constitution of the Alton Association has done with regard to admitting or excluding churches, and yet, anyone who knows the facts can clearly see that Dr. Throgmorton's argument is wholly without force. There is nothing in the Alton Association constitution like what he proposed to put into the constitution of the State Convention. There is no credal statement in the Alton Association constitution. The editor proposed a credal statement such as was not found in the constitution of any state convention, north, south, east or west. Those who were on the ground know what he was after. The Home Mission Society, at its May meeting, had taken steps looking toward cooperative work with the Free Baptists. No steps had yet been taken to admit into the denomination the Free, Separate and General Baptists, and because the Home Mission Society did this, Dr. Throgmorton got up a series of resolutions condemning the act and pledging the associations to withdraw all support from the Home Mission Society until it had withdrawn or reversed the action, and he influenced many of the associations to pass the resolutions, and he was heard to say that he would fix the constitution of the State Convention when it should meet at Carbondale so that nothing like what the Home Mission Society had done could be done in Illinois. He did not like to introduce a resolution that any church that did not strictly prac-

tice close communion could not be admitted as a member of the State Convention, but he attached to it Unitarianism, the Inspiration of the Scriptures, and other things. In the debate, one pastor in East St. Louis, besides the author of the resolution, spoke in favor of it, and although the majority of the delegates were from the southern half of Illinois, they voted it down four to one. The author of the resolutions seemed to feel and certainly looked like "two cents." Dr. Throgmorton was and is a man of much influence in southern Illinois, but he was not big enough to accept defeat gracefully, and so at once made an effort to create a new State Convention. Brother Colbert made a strong argument in his leaflet, and Brother Throgmorton utterly failed to refute his statements. V. Colbert and A. C. Kelley are each in a position to see and know the ill effects of this division in Southern Illinois, and they are not afraid to express their opinions with regard to it.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Semi Annual meeting of the State Convention Board will be held in Pontiac, on the second Thursday in April, that is April 11th. President George M. Potter of Shurtleff College and Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor of the Osceola Church were appointed to arrange a program at night upon Country Church Work. We expect them to have a great program for that night. All five of the departments of the Convention are required by the Constitution to hold a meeting at the same time and place. The presidents of these departments should get busy at once and have some important business to lay before their departments

at that time. The presidents of these five departments are as follows: Department of Missions, Rev. S. J. Skevington, D. D., Department of Education Rev. J. C. Hazen; Department of Efficiency, Rev. F. E. R. Miller; Department of Philanthropy, Rev. M. H. Day; Department of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, John Ruthven. Pontiac is a beautiful little city and the church of which Rev. Edward Benden is pastor heartily invites the Board to meet there. It is located on the Chicago and Alton Railroad, about half way between Joliet and Bloomington. It is an ideal location and we expect a good attendance and interesting meeting.

The mid-year meeting of the Southern Illinois Association was held at Cambria February 7th-10th. The writer spent two days in the meeting. The weather was rather disagreeable and the roads were almost impassable, yet there was a fine attendance. At night the large auditorium was full. The women's work was well represented by their secretary from Chicago. Rev. W. B. Morris was heard with interest, in a sermon, and Sunday School work. The Superintendent was given one full hour to speak on missions, and all the time he cared to, at other periods. The spirit of the meeting was good, and there seemed to be a strong desire to do more Baptist work in Southern Illinois. Rev. Joseph L. Meads of Benton, preached a great sermon on Friday night. Brother Meads is one of the strong, interesting preachers of the State. The Southern Illinois Association has a great field, and it is a strong body of Baptists, with thirty-eight churches

and 5,443 members. Last year there were 398 baptisms in the Association.

SINGLE COLLECTING AGENCY

This plan of raising Mission money is now a settled matter in Illinois, or at least it will be given a fair trial. Money from the State Convention will be sent as usual during the month of March. Beginning with April 1st it is requested that all State Convention money raised on the Apportionment, be sent to Rev. A. S. Carman, D. D., Y. M. C. A. Building 19 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. He will receipt for it and turn over the money the last day of each month to the Treasurer. It will also be reported to the Superintendent, and published in the Bulletin.

Dr. Carman will be glad to visit any of the churches that ask him and present the Missionary Budget. All departments of the denomination will work together in this financial budget. We hope that the great subject of Missions will take hold of the people under this plan as it never has before.

CHURCHES

The pastor of our State University Baptist Church reports that there are 583 fewer students at the University now than on the first of last November. The war is making terrible inroads upon our schools of higher education.

Rev. J. H. Cozad, pastor at Moweaqua, some time ago held a meeting with his church, assisted by Rev. Albert Gordanier of Hammond. There were many conversions and the church was greatly strengthened. The meeting was held during the heavy snow and severe cold weather, nevertheless there was a full house every night.

Rev. F. Leroy Enslow has spent about one year in his pastorate at Clayton. He made 431 calls, preached 133 sermons, and received twenty-six members into the church. The fuel situation and cold weather hindered the work very much during the past winter. Last September the church entertained the Quincy Association splendidly.

On February 17th the Arcola church, of which, Rev. L. E. Ellison is pastor, held a patriotic service at which the G. A. R., the Spanish American War Veterans and the Boy Scouts attended in a body. At this meeting a beautiful Service Flag with eleven blue stars and one gold one was presented to the Church. The pastor delivered a patriotic sermon and it is said, "With great force and power." A Memorial service on the ill fated Tuscania was held Sunday night. The house was crowded at both services.

Rev. O. W. Shields has been pastor at Carlinville nearly two years. During that time the Church has made substantial growth. This is especially noticed in the Young People's work, and the Mid-Week Prayer Meetings. The outlook for the church is hopeful.

Rev. Charles H. Davies is having quite encouraging work at Marissa. February 10, reported as a good day, congregation large and spiritual interest good.

Rev. F. M. Crabtree has been pastor of the Union Church at Pisgah nearly three years. There have been fifty additions to the church and a new basement constructed costing \$1,000. The Sunday School is in good condition. A. A. Cury has been Sunday School Superintendent twenty-four years.

Danville, 1st, church is moving along. Dr. Krumreig reports that he will baptize about thirty on Easter. The church reported, last fall, 485 members. There were 180 members when he took the pastorate four years ago. The Baptists of Danville have been regarded about the weakest denomination there for the past sixty years. Now the first church has about 500 members. Two other churches built up by Pastor Woolsey during the past twenty-five years recently came into the Baptist denomination. We now have five white English speaking churches in Danville, including South Danville and Hillery, and there are five colored Baptist churches, two of them have built good meeting houses, and another will build soon. The editor spent a Sunday night recently with Pastor Woolsey in the Western Ave. Church. The auditorium is large and it was well filled and we had a good meeting.

Rev. Eugene Neubauer became pastor at Charleston January 1, and members of the church express themselves as very much pleased with his work. This is a growing town and an important field. Brother Neubauer and his good wife will have a great opportunity for successful work there.

It is reported that Rev. E. H. Lyle of Fairbury has left the Baptists denomination and joined the Methodists and is preaching for some country churches. We hope he will have greater success with the Methodist churches than he had in the Baptist pastorate.

Rev. George Sneath of Glenwood, Iowa, located as pastor of the Monmouth church January 1st.

Rev. S. H. Bowyer, D. D., who resigned as pastor of the Central church in Springfield, January 1st, has accept-

ed a call to the Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati. Dr. Bowyer spent his whole ministerial life as pastor of four churches in central Illinois. We shall miss his work.

Rev. R. W. VanKirk has closed his work at the Normal Park Church, and has accepted a call to Owatonna, Minn., seat of the Pillsbury Academy.

Rev. W. A. Phipps closed a two years' pastorate with the Providence Church February 24. Brother Phipps is an earnest spiritual worker and leaves the church much stronger than when he came. He has devoted much time to pastoral work among the church and in the community, and has many friends who will regret his departure, but the Lord seemed to lead the way. He has located in the Central Illinois Association where he used to be pastor.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. J. H. Hughes has closed his two years' pastorate at Amboy to accept an important pastorate in Missouri. Brother Hughes did a very remarkable work at Amboy, while pastor there, and the people regret to have him go, but he left the church in good condition for his successor. The church passed a strong set of resolutions concerning his work there.

Rev. P. O. Jenson, who was pastor at LaMoille for about two years, closed his work February 24th, to accept a call in Colorado. This leaves the LaMoille Church, a good field, without a pastor. They are anxious to locate a good man. LaMoille is a nice place to live in and a nice field to work.

Rev. Thomas L. Roberts of La Grange, Mo., has become pastor of the Bethel Church in the Salem Association. He gives one-half time to Bethel

and half time to Basco Church. The people express themselves as well pleased with his work.

Rev. James Niven leaves the Roseland Church in Chicago and goes to Rochester, Ind., and Rev. A. Robertson of Logan Square, Chicago, has resigned and goes to North Woods, Iowa.

Rev. R. R. Otto, pastor of the First Baptist of Girard, closed his work February 4th. At the last evening service he baptized three men and administered the Lord's Supper.

Rev. J. W. Patterson located as pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, in January. He held a meeting from January 27th to February 17th. The weather was much against the meetings but the church was greatly strengthened and there were five additions to the membership. The Sunday School has greatly improved and the outlook for the church is hopeful.

ORDINATION

A council of eighteen persons from six churches met in Belleville February 13th, to consider the matter of ordaining E. A. McClurkin. The candidate passed a good examination and it was unanimously voted to ordain him. Rev. M. W. Twing, D. D., acted as moderator and Rev. C. E. Davies as clerk. The candidate was ordained in the evening. Dr. Twing preached the sermon.

DEATHS

Rev. Jacob Fillmen, one of the most highly esteemed and efficient German brothers, died at Oak Park January 23, at the age of eighty-three years and four months.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Aledo Church, Mrs. Lena M. Mayhew (1)	\$ 5.00
Alpha Church, W. O. Allisony	27.00
Benton Church, Mrs. M. E. Kirkpatrick, S. E. F.	5.00
Bulletin subscriptions	64.92
Chicago, Berwyn Church	66.78
Chicago, Englewood Church	30.00
Chicago, Evanston Church	40.00
Chicago, Lorimer Memorial Church	20.00
Chicago, Morgan Park Church	40.69
Chicago, Tabernacle Church	25.00
Chicago, Ravenswood Church	14.00
Chicago, Albany Park Church	9.75
Clinton Church, Mrs. M. L. Oakford, S. E. F.	5.00
Church Rev. F. L. Garfield Park Church, S. E. F.	42.63
Church Rev. F. L. Chicago Heights Church, S. E. F.	25.86
Church Rev. F. L. Roodhouse Church, S. E. F.	150.25
Rev. F. M. Dunk, Divernon Church, S. E. F.	65.61
Rev. F. M. Dunk, Olney Church, S. E. F.	61.60
Rev. F. M. Dunk, Claim St. Church, Aurora, S. E. F.	48.30
Dixon Church, Selma Stoddard, (5)	5.00
Interest on invested funds	1358.90
Northern Baptist Convention, University Church	75.00
Normal Church, Mrs. Emma Blake, S. E. F.	5.00
Home Mission Society, S. E. F.	129.57
Manchester Church	5.55
Oregon, Miss Maria Wilson	5.00
Rebate on expense	5.23
Rockford First Church	25.00
Sterling Church	40.00
State University Church	13.00
State University Church Building	66.00
Timewell Church, Mrs. Susan Scoggan, S. E. F.	10.00
Woman's Mission Society of Ill., printing	27.81
Total	\$2518.45

PERSONAL

The Silvis church owns a good meeting house with a small indebtedness upon it. Rev. James P. Payne is pastor. There is a great opportunity

for this church if they could rally from some discouragement and feel that there is a great field for them.

The Orion church, of which Rev. L. W. Hostetter is pastor, occupies a fine field and has a wealthy membership. They are now putting in a pipe organ and expect to extensively repair the meeting house soon.

The Danvers church called Rev. H. H. Rohrback as supply pastor last fall. He is a graduate of Brown University and Newton Seminary, and is now taking post graduate work in the University of Chicago. The people express themselves as greatly pleased with his work and are very liberally supporting him as a student pastor.

The Editor of the Illinois Baptist in its issue of Feb. 23rd, stated that the churches of the state of Illinois contributed to the state convention last year \$14,075.24. But the Editor did not state that the Treasurer's report showed that the whole amount received by the state convention last year from individuals and churches, from all sources and for all purposes amounted to \$48,179.38. He did not seem to want his readers to know that.

Evangelist R. S. Kirkland, D. D., is now laboring in Iowa. He would prefer to labor among the Baptists in Illinois if sufficient work would open up. Last summer and fall he did fine work in the Rock Island and Bloomington Associations in six successful meetings. He can be addressed at Urbana, his home.

RATIFYING THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

"It was to be expected that the prohibition states would one after another ratify the national prohibition amendment. But something new under the sun is happening. Already two "wet" states have fallen into line and ratified the amendment. All honor to Kentucky and Maryland! It is now developing that many who do not favor state prohibition are enthusiastic over national prohibition. It is difficult to enforce State prohibition, especially when prohibition states have bad neighbors, but when the United States and Canada are 'dry,' only the Mexican border will have to be watched. Even from Mexico we hear hopeful tidings! Let the good work go on!"—Watchman Examiner.

"The annual church meeting and parish supper of the Englewood church, Chicago, Dr. Smith Thomas Ford, pastor, was held on January 28. The clerk's report showed that 125 had united with the church during the year, eighty by baptism. The present membership is 1,883. The financial reports showed the receipts to be more than \$30,000. A part of this was toward the new church house, the erection of which will be delayed for a time owing to war conditions. The progressive plans of the church will be seriously handicapped, but it is unavoidable. The service flag of the church bears 138 stars, and two of them are already significantly covered with gold. This annual meeting also marked the completion of the thirteenth year of Dr. Ford's pastorate. An average of 126 members have been received each year. Dr. Ford has been confined to his home for three weeks by an acute illness, but is slowly convalescing. Although several miles from the Billy Sunday tabernacle, pastor and church are laying plans for full cooperation with the coming campaign which opens on March 10."

Dr. James M. Stifler returns to his pulpit in Evanston, Illinois, on March 1, after serving as camp religious work director for the Young Men's Christian Association in the cantonment at Camp Dodge, Iowa, since September 1. The church in Evanston gave him a six-month leave of absence, which expires on March 1. Dr. Stifler feels that it has been a great privilege to be with the men of our National Army these six months.

Rev. V. Calbert seems to be doing a strong and successful work in the Alton Association. He recently sent in 165 names for the Bulletin from all over that association. Besides other things,

there are four new meeting houses in that association that are in existence because of Colbert's work.

Dr. N. T. Hafer has been taken from his regular work and put into the work with Rev. E. L. Killam to help raise the \$1,000,000 by March 31st. It is requested that we raise \$65,000 in Illinois. This great onward movement of the laymen seemed so important that we could not refuse them Brother Hafer's help. Hafer is especially qualified for that kind of work. Let the people receive him kindly wherever he goes.

The writer has not been home for a Sunday since last October, but he always found small audiences. One of the best congregations he met was at the State University Church on a very cold Sunday. While war conditions have effected our work some and almost every church feels deeply the loss of the young men who have gone to the army, yet there are not many who seem discouraged or despondent, while a very few are ready to surrender everything and give up the struggle, but the great body of those holding the Baptist faith feel more inclined than ever to make a strong effort to build up the cause of Christ, and they believe that the best institution in the world through which to accomplish that is the Baptist denomination. They feel that now is the time as never before to hold up the gospel truth and to cling to Baptist Democracy.

The editor spent Sunday, February 10th, with the First church in Cairo. Dr. Lamkin was holding a meeting in Kansas. Everybody speaks well of the pastor and he seemed to be doing well with that large and important field.

The Illinois Baptist Annual was published this year by the secretary, Rev. E. K. Masterson. It was delayed on account of the impossibility of getting the associational reports at an early date, and some of them can not be secured at all in time to publish the Annual and their statistics are a year late. The general statistics show that there were 1,295 churches reported, eight less than the year before. The total membership is 169,946, a gain of 4,239 over the year previous. The total Missionary and Benevolent offerings reported for the State was \$237,097, a gain over last year of \$15,797. The severe weather and shortage of fuel has been very much against all phases of our work this winter. It has been almost impossible to carry on much successful revival work. The necessity of meeting in church basements and combined work of different denominations has hindered the effective work of the Churches and Sunday Schools.

On February 25, the Alpha Church gave a hearty and unanimous call to Rev. G. W. Wright, pastor of the Razzetta Church, to become its pastor. Rev. Wright had supplied the Church on Sunday, the 24th, and was present. He accepted the call and promised to make an effort to locate in Alpha by April first. He came from one of the best country churches in the State, and the people regret to have him leave. Alpha is a strong church and in fine condition at the present time.

B. Y. P. U. OF AMERICA CONVENTION

The Twenty-Seventh Anniversary Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America will be held in

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 4-7, 1918. The key-note of the convention will be "Through Cross to Crown." Addresses will be delivered by Dr. W. O. Carver of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. F. H. Adams, Pastor First Baptist Church, Hammond, Ind.; Dr. Ambrose Bailey, Pastor First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. D. D. Munro, Pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. L. P. Leavell, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. For information address James Asa White, General Secretary, 125 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

GERMANY'S GUILT IN MURDERING ARMENIANS

"How far was the German Government responsible for the murder and deportation of the Armenians? Let me say most emphatically, the German Government could have prevented it. My strenuous and repeated efforts to enlist the interest of the German Ambassador, Baron Wangenheim, in behalf of the Armenians were absolutely fruitless. In my numerous interviews with him I tried to impress him with the thought that the world would consider Germany morally responsible for the crimes of her ally. I urged that even from an economic point of view it was not to Germany's advantage that the Turks should destroy the constructive elements of the country, as that would mean the economic ruin of the Turkish Empire. Then, in the event that Germany should become the ruler of Turkey, she would find it an empty shell! When I found that my arguments were of little avail, I suggested to my Government the desirability of bringing pressure on the Foreign Office in Berlin to the end that instructions be sent to the German Ambassador in Constantinople to insist upon a cessation of the atrocities. This resulted merely in a note from the German Embassy to the Sublime Porte protesting against the horrors perpetrated by the Turks. The purpose of this note was merely to absolve the German Government from all responsibility. It had no practical effect whatsoever.

"There is not the slightest doubt in my mind that the Germans could at the very beginning have stopped these horrors."—Ambassador Henry Morgenthau.

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HOW ONE SOCIETY IN ILLINOIS IS AT-
TAINING THE 11TH TOPIC IN
STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

A Prayer League chairman was chosen—a woman who *believes* in prayer, has a telephone, and knows how to use it.

She sent to 450 East 30th street for "Book of Remembrance" (25 cents). This has the names of missionaries on foreign fields scheduled on their birthdays. It also includes different definite objects for which to pray. She inserted names of home missionaries taken from magazine "Missions" and then secured the co-operation of her pastor and editor of church paper, who gave her space each month to have this Prayer List published. All was now ready for the telephones. It was so cold few attended the church services held in basement of church, but she kept the telephone "warm." Up to date she has 138 members in her Prayer League! To every woman she has given a Prayer Covenant Card, and is keeping list of names to send to Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Ford. If you have no church paper, get some one to typewrite lists each month. Each woman must have her own list, each wo-

man will pray her own prayer, each woman will have greater interest. Each missionary will receive help. *Try it!*

This is the month of reckoning! Will Illinois women measure up to our privileges and responsibilities? No body of women have more. Stop for a moment and count our blessings. Gratitude should make unnecessary the constant reminders for funds to carry on the Lord's business. Pleas are coming from many sources, we are living in the midst of a world which tries the faith and courage of us all. So great is the struggle for the victory of righteousness that human mind can not grasp its significance. The utmost endeavor is demanded from each in every possible form which shall hasten the coming of His kingdom. This month our financial obligations to the missionary societies must be met. Have you done your part and can you do no more?

The love and sympathy of all Illinois women will go out to Mrs. J. E. Scott, former president of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West, because of the passing on of her husband, Mr. J. E. Scott, at their home in Pasadena, Cal.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



W. B. Morris,
Ashley, Illinois.
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
Director.

Mrs. Edna R. Hoffman,
1612 29th St., Rock Island.
Elementary Grade Director.'

IMPORTANT

I am sending out report blanks for Sunday Schools and Young Peoples Societies to the various Superintendents and Presidents. It is most important that those receiving them fill out and return them at the earliest possible moment. We want the report on each school, and society, whether you have made the Standard or not. The Department of Sunday School and Young People's Work will appreciate your help in thus furnishing the desired information about the condition of your work.

I also wish to call the attention of the Sunday Schools to the letter sent out some time ago, asking for one cent per capita from each school, for our work in the state. It is surely within the ability of each school to make this contribution notwithstanding the numerous calls that are being made for various other objects. Do it next Sunday without fail.

Our Elementary Director, Mrs. Hoffman, wants a specimen of the work done in the various Elementary Departments in the state, in order that she may make a selection for the exhibit at the next meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention. When she writes to you please answer promptly.

Will the pastors of schools conducting Teacher Training Classes, please report the fact to me, together with any items of interest you may have as to the progress of the work being done.

After conferring with Superintendent Brand it was decided not to attempt to hold our Summer Assembly this year; we will, however, plan to have the best session ever held in the Summer, 1919. It is a matter of real regret that we feel obliged to come to this decision, but it seems the only thing to do under the circumstances.

I am glad to report the work is opening better since the weather conditions have become more favorable. The parlor conference is meeting with some success. I visited a number of churches in the Bloomington Association. Pastor Davies at Marissa is doing good work. We had a fine conference there. Pastor Kimball has put on a fine contest for building up the school at Lincoln, the people are enthusiastic over it. Write him for the particulars. It is a winner. Pastor Hilton at Minonk is getting hold of things in his usual efficiency and is enjoying the hearty cooperation of his people. Other churches visited were Benton, Carterville, Cambria, Springfield (Central), Bloomington, Goodfield and Normal; lack of space forbids special mention.

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Only four months until another great Inter-National Convention will be here. This time the meeting will be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This will make a very short trip for the Oskawawa, and an inexpensive one. Every Union, of any size, should be able to finance, and send a delegate to this meeting. The effort to do this should begin NOW. Do not wait until the last few days, and then, suddenly discover that your Union ought to have a representative there. "Start something" now. The war, with its great and necessary activity, is the first thing in our thoughts—its successful termination in the shortest possible time is our great desire—the care and comfort of "our boys", whether they are "over there" or in camp here, is absolutely essential, and we will do that, but in all that effort, do not lose sight of the fact that we must "keep the home fires burning." That the boys are coming back, and we must be ready to receive them. Those will be great days—happy days—eventful days, when our loved ones come home—can you imagine it? Can you begin to think just how they are going to be received in YOUR UNION, and

won't there be a general day of Thanksgiving to God for their return? Will you be ready to have a part in that great day? Are you training in the chorus now, practicing your prayer or thanks, your testimony that your Faith had been strong all these terrible months of anguish, that Our Father knew what was right and best, and you trusted in Him. Don't neglect this "practice"—don't weaken in your determination to be ready to witness for Him, in that great day. Keep your local Union fires burning, and your latchstring out, for these boys of ours, are surely coming back with Victory on their banner, and the Freedom and Liberty of the World assured. Keep your Union activities moving strongly, the latest, most efficient methods to develop your members. The Convention is the place where these methods are illustrated—explained—emphasized. Considering the small expense every Union in our State ought to send a delegate. The dates are July 5-8 inclusive. Arrangements for the trip are being perfected. If you are interested write John Ruthven, 125 North Wabash Ave., Chicago, for details.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

The recent death of Mrs. E. A. Hobbs, has seriously influenced the life of Hudelson. For many years Mrs. Hobbs was our matron and known as Aunt Louise. She came to our help in a crucial hour and by her untiring devotion and splendid skill saved the domestic situation. Her death is occasion for great sorrow to the superintendent and to the children who knew her. But to our present matron, Aunt Kate, the blow is most severe. Besides losing her sister, she has, by the sad event, had forced upon her a duty which compels her to lay down for an indefinite time her work at the orphanage. The care of her sister's two children, one a babe of six weeks, together with the feeble condition of her aged mother, is a call she cannot resist. Her enforced withdrawal from our work creates a serious domestic crisis in Hudelson. She succeeded her sister as matron and for efficiency and the spirit of self-sacrifice these two women have not been excelled in our experience.

On account of weather and transportation only a few were present at the meeting of the Hudelson corporation in January. The meeting adjourned at the call of the superintendent, and he has set Tuesday, April 16th, as the date and Centralia as the place. Delegates will report at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on reaching Centralia. The hour for business will be 1 p. m.

In your plans for commemorating the resurrection of your Saviour do not forget the boys and girls of Hudelson.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Two months have passed since we have reported to our many friends through the Bulletin; much has transpired during that time. Our two baby girls present in the Home at last writing have been placed in good family homes and are doing well.

Our family at this writing consists of 69 children, 59 of them are in school. Among the number are two boys that ought to be placed on farms this summer; also a brother and sister, boy 6, girl 3 years, for adoption.

We have hopefully entered the year 1918 with the same faith and confidence, in the generosity of the Baptists of Illinois, that we have had in the past and know we shall not find them lacking in interest or disposition to care for a work truly their own.

The Receiving Cottage is proving a great help to us in the purpose for which it was designed. The detention of children first entering the Home and rooms for isolating those sick with minor contagious diseases, common to children; during the winter we have had but one serious illness, that of our little friend Martha, who has pneumonia, and the crisis is past, and we believe recovery certain.

Many are the congratulations we receive that we have such a splendid addition to our equipment. I quote of the house physician who said "It was the brightest idea the Board of Directors ever had when they planned the Cottage."

We regret very much that Dr. Ford, president of our Board, has been ill.

THE DUTIES OF THE HOUR

As members of the Church of Christ the hour lays upon us special duties:

To purge our own hearts clean of arrogance and selfishness.

To steady and inspire the nation.

To keep before the eyes of ourselves and of our allies the ends for which we fight.

To hold our own nation true to its professed aims of justice, liberty, and brotherhood.

To testify to our fellow Christians in every land, most of all to those from whom for the time we are estranged, our consciousness of unbroken unity in Christ.

To unite in the fellowship of service multitudes who love their enemies and are ready to join with them in rebuilding the waste places as soon as peace shall come.

To be diligent in works of relief and mercy, not forgetting those ministries of the spirit to which, as Christians, we are especially committed.

To keep alive the spirit of prayer, that in these times of strain and sorrow men may be sustained by the consciousness of the presence and power of God.

To hearten those who go to the front, and to comfort their loved ones at home.

To care for the welfare of our young men in the Army and Navy, that they may be fortified in character and made strong to resist temptation.

To be vigilant against every attempt to arouse the spirit of vengeance and unjust suspicion.

To protect the rights of conscience against every attempt to invade them.

To maintain our Christian institutions and activities unimpaired, that the soul of our nation may be nourished and renewed through the worship and service of Almighty God.

To guard the gains of education and of social progress and economic freedom,

won at so great a cost, and to make full use of the occasion to set them still further forward, even by and through the war.

To keep the open mind and the forward look, that the lessons learned in war may not be forgotten when comes that just and sacred peace for which we pray.

Above all, to call men everywhere to new obedience to the will of our Father God, who in Christ has given himself in supreme self-sacrifice for the redemption of the world, and invites us to share with him his ministry of reconciliation.

To such service we would summon our fellow Christians of every name. In this spirit we would dedicate ourselves and all that we have to the nation's cause. With this hope we would join hands with all men of good-will of every land and race, to rebuild on this war-ridden and desolated earth the commonwealth of mankind, and to make of the kingdoms of the world the kingdom of the Christ.—From the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

A GREAT DAY IN CAIRO

The First Baptist church went "Over the Top" Sunday, March 3. The following telegram was received:

"Cairo, Ill., March 3, 1918.

E. P. Brand, Normal, Ill.

First Baptist church today gave one thousand dollars for the Baptist laymen's campaign. Pastor Lamkin put his whole soul into this and gave himself one hundred twenty-five dollars. Great meeting tonight, people happy.—Albert H. Gage."

This conduct on the part of Cairo should be an inspiration to laymen all over the state to do big things for the Kingdom before the end of March.

Rev. Joseph C. Hazen of the First church, Peoria, is the camp pastor for two months at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas.

Evangelistic meetings, with preaching by local pastors, have just closed in Carrollton, Ill. There will be twenty additions to the Baptist church, Rev. W. E. Mundell, pastor, which is as many as were received by all the other churches combined.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Halsey were passed for membership in our Home. Brother Halsey will be remembered as a member of the First Church under Doctor Henson, and as co-worker with B. F. Jacobs. Also, the Evanston and Morgan Park churches contributed one each to our resident membership—and the applications keep pouring in. One of our reception rooms has been given over as a sleeping room. The burden of the running expense is growing with the days, and is now well over the six hundred dollar mark per month. But, never once has an unpaid bill gone over to the next month.

Will you all remember that TAG DAY for the various Homes in the city comes again MAY 13th? Last year it netted us over \$2500, and we hope to do much better this year.

There has been a mortgage of \$1600 against the last property we acquired—that for hospital purposes. Since the first of the year that has been paid. You will be glad to know this.

I am in receipt of a most delightful message by one of our good friends who visited Maywood recently—"Have never been more comfortable and happy than during this very cold winter." This will make you glad.

How do these dear ones spend their time? Listen!

There are fourteen who are able to knit for the Red Cross, and up to the 23rd inst., they had made—

Socks, 121 pairs.

Sweaters, 5.

Rifle mitts, 3 pairs.

Wristlets, 1 pair.

President Wilson would, no doubt, be rejoiced to know this, and really it is our intention to give it public notice through the columns of the Red Cross Magazine. It is gratifying to know that the red blood is to be found in the veins of the right kind of people even to the days of the sear and yellow leaf.

L. F. Ingersoll.

BIBLE WILL HELP YOU SELL GOODS

In an article called "The Book That Has Helped Me Most," which is printed in the "American Magazine," the writer says:

"But, more than that, it's the greatest course in direct, forceful English in the world. If you want to learn to write a better sales letter if you think that a good English style would help you in getting out your advertising, I commend you to it. Take the great masters of forceful English right down the line—Addison, Steele, Burke, Franklin, Webster, Lincoln—Biblical quotations drip from them like dew from the trees. Franklin taught himself to write by hard personal application; the marks of the Bible are everywhere apparent in his style. Even if I didn't believe a word that is written inside these covers I would still give my boy the best kind of a Bible education; it would mean money in his pocket, Freddy; he would live to bless me for it. As a drill in simple, direct, powerful Anglo Saxon, the kind of language that we use in advertising and in modern business, there never has been, and never will be, a book to equal this."

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What Changes Will Come?



We hear a great deal said in these days about the radical changes that are going to take place in organized Christianity as the result of the war. Some men who have been very anxious to get rid of the old ways and the Old Book and to substitute something new are very clamorous now about the changes that the soldiers are going to demand when they come back, etc. Now it is not likely that our brave boys will have much time to study Theology nor destructive higher criticism while in the trenches or training camps. Many of them will come in touch with the Y. M. C. A. but they have sense enough to know that the Y. M. C. A. is supported by the Churches and could not exist for six months if the Churches were not back of it.

We do not believe our Christian soldier boys will want to surrender the Bible because of the war, nor will they want to become Unitarian, nor surrender the deity of our Lord. If they hold to the inspiration of the Scriptures and the deity of Jesus, they will want to obey what He commands, and our Baptist boys will not want to surrender the ordinance of baptism.

Recently, the writer heard an address by a prominent man, known for many

years to have been an extreme destructive critic, who laid great emphasis on what the soldier boys would demand on coming home, and he seems to think they will insist on about the same things he has been contending for during many years past. Although he is the pastor of a prominent church, he boasted of the fact that he had sent his boys to dancing schools so that they could appear well among the best people. Now at least a million of our best young men have gone into the service; we expect great things of them, but we do not believe they will come back revolutionized on theology nor to tear up our churches.

We believe that as one result of the war that our people must take hold of religious work with an energy and personal sacrifice as never before. Our Churches and Missionary Boards cannot drift along for the next ten years as before. They must take hold heroically in the new life of the world or cease to exist.

"Negroes are raising more than a million dollars annually for their educational institutions; today there are 28,000 public schools manned by 30,000 negro teachers; 170 industrial schools and colleges conducted exclusively by negroes.

THE WAR

At the time of this writing, March 30, there is going on the greatest battle by far, in the history of the world. The Germans and the Austrians have been fighting the Allies over a battle front of more than five hundred miles, with perhaps 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 soldiers on both sides, and they have been fighting strenuously day and night for ten days, and the end is not yet. The Germans have driven the English back a long distance and seem to have captured many prisoners and guns, but they have done it at a tremendous German loss in the slaughter of men and have nowhere broken through the English or French lines, and at some points the Allies are making successful counter attacks.

If it could be known as to the number of men who have been killed or wounded in this ten days' battle, it would perhaps number 500,000 men. The Germans made the drive by keeping their men in mass formation and as one brigade or division would be weakened by the slaughter, fresh divisions would take their place.

It seems to be a philosophy of the Huns that human life is worth just as much as it is valuable to the Government, and the lives of their own men are sacrificed just as freely as horses or wagons, or guns, or aeroplanes, if by such sacrifice a military point can be gained. It seems to be a theory of the Prussian Militants, that women, children, old men, property, people and nations having no part in the war at all must be sacrificed, if by doing so, the military power of Germany can be upheld. This world would not be worth living in if the German aristocracy should win in the war. The United

States could better afford to put in 5,000,000 men and \$90,000,000,000 than to be defeated by Germany and her helpers, the Austrians and the Turks.

Miss Clara E. Phillips, member of the Damascus Church in northwestern Illinois, died February 22, after a one week's illness of pneumonia. She was fifty-three years of age, and had been a teacher in the Sunday School since she was sixteen years old. She was one of the most devoted members in her church and in her missionary work in this state. She was a constituent member of the country church where she lived, and in a large measure gave her life to that church, and to a large extent through her assistance the church has become the strong body that it is. Last year she took out a \$1000 annuity in the state convention, but did not live to draw her first annuity payment. She will be greatly missed by the Damascus church and by what was formerly known as the Dixon Association.

PASTORAL CHANGE

Rev. William Jackson, a graduate of the Louisville Seminary this May, has accepted a call to the Lexington church.

Bloomington voted for license two years ago by a small vote. On April 2nd, the vote was taken on the saloon and the city went dry by 2141 votes. This will doubtless end the saloon business in Bloomington forever.

Last year Moline voted dry, but Rock Island by the side of Moline, voted wet. This year Rock Island went dry by 800 majority. In a little while we will have saloons in Illinois only in Chicago, Peoria and East St. Louis.

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AT the time of this writing we have not learned the result of the Laymen's Canvass for \$1,000,000, but the last reports were very favorable.

LET everybody begin reading this eighth year publication of the Bulletin with the determination to make next year's subscription the largest in the history of the paper.

IT will be only a little more than a month until the great meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

IT is expected that this meeting of the Convention will be the greatest in its history; war conditions and the \$1,000,000 drive, and the renewed interest among the laymen will add greatly to the interest and attendance of the Convention.

WE hope a goodly number of people from Illinois will attend. Many pastors cannot go unless their churches aid them. Many well to do men or women can not go, but could easily give five or ten dollars to aid their pastor in going. We hope many will do that. A donation from fifty dollars to one hundred dollars would enable many pastors to go, who could not otherwise do it.

IT is too early yet for us to know how the National Societies came out in their finances for the year closing March 31st. We hope Illinois came up well on her share of the Missionary giving.

REV. A. S. Carman, D.D., 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., is now ready to receive all State Convention Missionary money raised on the apportionment, and all other apportionment money of all the Societies. He will turn it over to the treasurer of each society at the end of each month.

ONE-HALF the year of the State Convention has now expired. It has been the hardest winter for Evangelistic work and for advance Church and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work we have ever experienced and yet our work has kept up fairly well, but we need to do vigorous work during the next six months if we make the progress during the whole year that ought to be made.

DURING the first six months one man in Chicago, Englewood Church gave \$100 for State Missions, one bequest of \$500 is promised by September 11th. One elderly man in southern Illinois gave an Annuity Bond of \$1,000, and one lady in the northwestern part of the state recently deceased, took a \$1,000 Annuity Bond.

WE have not said much about State Convention finances during the three months when the Societies of the Northern Baptist Convention were pushing for their apportionments, but now is the time for six months to push the matter of State Convention finances. Let many people give large sums for the State Convention work.

CHURCHES

Our church at Manlius, one of our splendid country fields seems to be doing good work under the care of the new pastor, Rev. J. Brainard Brown. They seem to have raised their regular apportionments easily and are doing quite a good work toward the Million Dollar Drive. The pastor is well pleased with his field and the outlook is hopeful.

Rev. Albert Gordonier, pastor of the Hammond church has been preaching a series of sermons from material on the Attributes of Man. The subjects are, Courage, Strength, Gratitude, Fidelity and Brotherhood. Great audiences have turned out to hear these subjects discussed.

Rev. Wm. H. Dickman, pastor of the Bethel Church in the Rock Island Association, writes a very good letter concerning the work on that splendid rural field. A meeting was attempted in the winter during the very cold weather, in which not much was accomplished, but the church was not discouraged. They have made up the regular apportionments on that field and have raised \$200 on the Layman's Million Dollar Drive. Brother Dickman seems to be very happy in his work. We sometimes wonder why more of our preachers do not seek country fields. There is no greater opportunity in the State for strong men than in our rural pastorates, and at this time two of our finest country churches in the state are pastorless. They are Berwick, in the Peoria Association, and Rosetta, in the Salem Association. These churches have splendid meeting houses, first class parsonages, in good repair and give a liberal support for their pastor.

The Winchester church of which Rev. W. R. Johnson is pastor, seems to be doing substantial work. They put the missionary apportionments in the budget and made an every-member canvass in November and they "Went 'Over the Top' with a good sum, more than asked for." There have been some conversions in the regular services.

The Oglesby church has secured the services of Evangelist Robert L. Moyer and wife, of Pennsylvania, to lead in an evangelistic campaign, commencing on Sunday, April 17.

Rev. G. W. Kimball is having much encouragement in his work as pastor of the Lincoln church. March 3d was decision day in the Sunday School, when thirty-six took a stand for Christ. The right hand of fellowship was given to six at the communion service following the decision service. No sermon was preached on that occasion. It is expected that a considerable number will be baptized on Easter Sunday.

Rev. Charles H. Davies speaks hopefully of the work at Marissa. The church is coming up nicely on the missionary apportionments and the congregations are good.

On March 10 the El Paso church, of which Rev. Herbert Hines is pastor, raised over \$900 on the Laymen's Million Dollar Campaign and at the same time increased the pastor's salary \$100. They expect to go over the \$1000 mark in the One Million Dollar Campaign.

The church at Pekin, after having been pastorless for about a year and a half, is now very much encouraged with Pastor E. C. Poole, who began a few weeks ago. The work seems to be very hopeful.

The Ashley church, south of Cen-

tralia, has two Baptist preachers living in the town, Rev. W. B. Morris, Sunday School Director, and Rev. H. A. Hoover, who is engaged in business. The church is pastorless but is a good live body of Baptists. They have raised the entire apportionments for missions and fifty dollars on the Million Dollar Campaign.

Rev. Wm. H. Main, D.D., has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago one and one-half years. During his pastorate there have been more than one hundred additions to the church. All expenses of the church have been met and the apportionments raised, with an increase of eighteen per cent. The net beneficences given by the church were \$19,500. The Sunday School is in fine shape and the congregations are large.

The Cambridge church, of which Rev. L. A. Miller has been pastor for about one and one-half years, seems to be doing good work. They have suffered great losses by deaths and removals recently, but the church has yet a strong membership. The meeting house and parsonage are in good condition.

The superintendent of the convention was invited to Carbondale to give an address at the recognition of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Merrill, who came from the South Church of Chicago, and began work in Carbondale March first. The pastor seems pleased with his field, and the people show great appreciation of the pastor. We expect Brother Merrill to have a successful pastorate at Carbondale.

The La Moille church is now without a pastor, but they hope to locate a man soon. This church has a great opportunity for the future, if it will only util-

ize its strength. Its membership is made up, largely, of well-to-do people. There has been a little friction in the church within the last year or so but this can be entirely overcome by a willing and energetic pastor.

Since last July the church at Arthur has redecorated the inside of the building at an expense of \$600, have built a \$6000 parsonage, kept up all their expenses and are meeting their apportionment in missions. The pastor, Dr. O. R. Miles, held a series of special meetings from which they expect an ingathering. The congregations are good and the church is in an excellent condition.

Tampico is a beautiful little town of about nine hundred people, thirty miles west of Mendota. The Baptists have maintained a good organization there for quite a number of years. They now have a good meeting house and a good parsonage. Rev. W. J. Eyles was pastor of that field for six years, but closed his work in January to become teacher in one of the negro colleges in the south. The Tampico church has a small membership, but considerable resources, however, it is difficult for them to support a man for full time on the field, and they may have to undertake work with one-half time service or student supply, but in either case good work can be done if the people will loyally stand by it. We hope that someone can be secured quite soon to give them some kind of service, and it may be possible to locate a man on the field.

Sunday morning, January 17, the editor of the Bulletin preached for the Olivet Negro church, 27th and Dearborn Sts., Chicago. This church now has a membership of six thousand eight hundred. They have a good meeting

house and the auditorium, including the galleries, will seat perhaps twelve hundred people. Every seat in this audience room was taken and at the same time they had a congregation downstairs, with preaching services, and they report that above five hundred people were turned away who could not get in that morning. Rev. A. D. Williams is the efficient pastor of that church. They have purchased for \$17,000 a large lot about two miles from where they are now located and there hope to erect a new meeting house with an auditorium that will seat more than three thousand.

NINE VOLUMES

This April number of the Bulletin finishes nine volumes of the Bulletin. How rapidly time seems to pass. These nine years have been an important period in our State Convention work. Perhaps never in the history of the convention has it made such decided progress. In every line the progress has been onward, and yet more could have been accomplished. The Bulletin has had as its primary object, to keep before the minds of the people the work of the convention, but beside this it has given much space to Women's work, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U., and Missionary work. Space has been regularly given to our charitable institutions and to education. Special emphasis has been placed upon the doctrinal position held by the Baptists, and the Bulletin has done much to keep the denominational atmosphere clear in the central and southern portions of the State, where the mists of Landmarkism and Throghmortonism cause much cloudiness in the atmosphere.

Eight volumes of the Bulletin have

been nicely bound and a copy placed in the State Historical Library and a copy kept in the office at Normal. In more recent years copies have been sent to the Historical Libraries in the University of Illinois and the University of Chicago. As we enter the tenth year of its publication the mailing list could be increased to ten thousand if the pastors and women and young people would boost it as they should. We spend but little time in trying to increase its circulation. That must be done by the people, if they want the Bulletin and want it kept upon a high grade. We recently received a very complimentary letter from Dr. Aitchison of Boston, Massachusetts, on the way we are keeping up the Bulletin to the grade of a first class State Convention Bulletin.

Let us all try to make the next nine years of state convention work far superior to any other nine years in its history.

Evangelist Francis L. Church has been doing some very successful work during February and March. He held a meeting at Roodhouse that was remarkably successful. The attendance was great, the interest good and the financial support given to the evangelist splendid. There were probably about fifty additions to the church as the result of the meetings. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Rapson says, "Church is strong with the children, but at the close of the meeting he reached the adults. Last night and Friday night were great, never anything like it here before. Our church is stirred to the limit. We voted to have Church come back again next fall or winter." He went from Roodhouse to Harvard Park Mission in Springfield. Rev. A. E. Browning

has charge of that interest. The pastor speaks in very high terms of Church's work there. One evening during the meeting, Pastor Browning baptized in the Central church meeting house nineteen, and three adults offered themselves by experience to the church and at that time fully twenty more had promised to come out for baptism. This church also made a liberal offering toward Brother Church's support. At this writing Evangelist Church is at work at Warrenville. In the midst of the meeting the pastor writes, "The services last night will never be forgotten, neither will the visit of Mr. Church. Surely he has won the confidence of the people. There were thirty-two decision cards signed last night, the most, I believe to be real cases of conversion."

WARNING

Dr. Charles L. White of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, writes a letter, March 13, in which he gives a caution to the Northern Baptists concerning supporting certain negro schools in the south. He says, "I am sending you a copy of a statement concerning fraudulent solicitations of money by representatives of negro schools of the south. These frauds are being perpetrated on our Baptist people, especially on Sunday Schools, by requesting for money and our Baptist churches are the 'Happy Hunting Grounds' of those seeking funds for such institutions. It would undoubtedly surprise us all to know how much money is given in this way by well meaning people." We suggest to our people in Illinois that if they are thinking of giving money to such solicitors that they take the name of the solicitor

and the name of the school and its location, and write to Dr. Chas. L. White, 23 E. 26th St., New York, N. Y., and make inquiry concerning the school.

Evangelist Frank M. Dunk recently held a meeting at Chatsworth, south of Chicago. The pastor writes: "The number making confession was nine, and four of these will be baptized next Sunday.."

He says: "Brother Dunk's work is to be commended for he preaches a sound gospel and works hand in hand with the pastor for the upbuilding of the cause. Our people were glad to have had him in their midst and hope that he may be able to pay us another visit." Brother Dunk is at this writing holding a meeting at Marissa in southern Illinois. He held a meeting with that church last spring when he baptized twenty-four converts. The Evangelist writes, "We have had good attendance, and interest so far. Last night one of the members said that the attendance was larger than it had been for ten years."

Dr. N. T. Hafer, our State Convention Missionary, who is held for any kind of work at any place and any time throughout the state, has put in a very busy winter. His principal work is to visit churches that need a few days of special work in reorganizing their work, in putting on an every-member canvass, trying to locate a pastor or raise a debt, etc., etc. The State Convention gave him for one full month in helping to raise Illinois' \$65,000 on the One Million Dollar canvass. Brother Hafer is a very efficient and useful man in the denomination.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. A. C. Hodgson, who has been for four and one-half years pastor of the Bethany church, Peoria, has resigned that field and accepted a call at the Marquette Road Baptist church, Chicago. He will make the change May first. Brother Hodgson has done good work in Peoria, and we hope he will succeed well in Chicago.

Rev. W. E. Mundell, Ph.D., who has been pastor of the Carrollton church for six or seven years, has resigned that field to become religious director of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. Brother Mundell has been a strong force in the Greene-Jersey Co. Association. He has received a goodly number of people into the church and during his pastorate on that field he says he has had one hundred weddings and about three hundred funerals. We regret to have Brother Mundell leave the state, but are glad that he is going into a good work for the soldier boys.

Rev. Mr. Vette, a student supply of the West Pullman church, has gone into Y. M. C. A. work in connection with the army. The West Pullman church seems to be in very good condition and is anxious to locate another pastor.

Rev. John H. Spindler, pastor over one and one-half years of the Taylorville church, has accepted a call to become a professor in the LaGrange College, Missouri. The clerk of the Taylorville church says, "Mr. Spindler has been a faithful minister to his people in Taylorville. He has been an earnest worker, and has placed new energy in the prosecution of the Master's work. The members of the Taylorville Baptist church will miss him very much."

Rev. J. W. Allen of Ewing, has lo-

cated as pastor of the Baptist church in Edinburg, and has included in his pastorate the Bethel church in the Shelby Association. These two churches are well located to work together and will make a splendid pastorate. We hope Brother Allen will have good success on that field.

The York church near Thompson, was reported pastorless a few months ago, but the retiring pastor, Rev. F. J. Gillroy reconsidered the matter and with an advanced salary, took up the work again on that field. We are very glad indeed, that this splendid country church will not become pastorless at this time.

Rev. W. J. Eyles, who was pastor of the Tampico church for quite a number of years, has closed his work there and taken a professorship in Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina. This is a Home Mission Society school for the colored people. We regret to have Brother Eyles leave the state, but we are glad he is teaching in one of our Baptist schools.

Rev. J. Livingston Duff, who has been pastor for some time at Mt. Sterling, and during the past year has included in his pastorate the Timewell church, has resigned the pastorate of those two churches. We do not know what his plans are for the future, nor what arrangements those churches will make for a pastor. During his pastorate he has baptized six and received ten into the church by letter or experience.

Rev. William Henry Jones of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, has accepted a call to become pastor of the North Shore Church in Chicago.

Rev. H. F. Jones of Macomb, has been our pastor-at-large in the Salem,

Quincy and Peoria Associations for a period of eight or nine years. He is always the pastor of not less than four churches and they are usually in a very low condition when he takes up the work with them. He also visits a great many other fields and does much work for them.

Rev. L. B. Trites of Danville, has been for three years our missionary in the Bloomfield Association. He has had charge of some of the smaller churches in that association and does considerable evangelistic work outside. This winter and spring he has assisted the pastors at Mattoon and at Champaign in special meetings. He is especially good in street meetings and among laboring people in the shops. His wife and daughter usually assist him in the music.

AIKEN INSTITUTION

A nice letter from the Aiken Institution gives some interesting information concerning that institution, which works in the old building of the Second Baptist Church in Chicago. Its territory embraces about one hundred thousand people, of nearly twenty nationalities. There are one hundred saloons that infest that section of the city. The institution is doing a great work. During the fiscal year just closing, its influence has been felt in over one thousand families. Over 4,873 garments have been distributed, over two thousand dresses, aprons, sweaters, etc., made by the girls and mothers. Hundreds of girls and boys are organized in various clubs and departments. Best of all the Gospel message is proclaimed in all this work. The Sunday School has a total enrollment of three hundred sixty-two.

This work is being kept up by the Chicago Executive Council, the Women's Home Mission Society, the Home Mission Society, the Publication Society and the State Convention.

Rev. C. F. Stalker of Tamaroa, labored as State Convention Evangelist in the Southern Illinois Association a part of last year and some of the past winter, but has now closed his work with the State Convention. He did good work at different points in that end of the state.

Rev. V. Colbert of Collinsville, has for several years been our State Convention Missionary in the Alton Association. He did successful evangelistic work during the months last fall and this winter, and spent much of his time in visiting churches that need some assistance from the convention and association missionaries. Brother Colbert has done much writing during the past winter on the question of the Baptist schism in southern Illinois. His tracts have had quite a large circulation among the people in that part of the state.

It is the custom of the superintendent to spend one Sunday about six months before the convention meets with the church that will entertain the convention. Sunday morning, March 24th, he gave to the Kewanee church. Rev. L. C. Trent has been pastor of this church for about seven years and it now has a membership of eight hundred sixty. It has a splendid meeting house, large and well equipped, and will be a splendid place for the meeting of the convention next October. The people seem very much interested in the

coming of the convention, will plan to take care of it splendidly and hope to get a great blessing out of the meeting for their church. There were three hundred eighty pupils present in the Sunday School that Sunday morning. Sunday night we went ten miles into the country and visited the Osceola church, of which Rev. B. E. Allen has been pastor for eleven years. We had a fine congregation and good interest. We hope this church will see its way clear to build a good modern meeting house within the next two years. The country needs it and the church is abundantly able to build it.

Rev. E. H. Fletcher of Chicago, has been our colored missionary in northern Illinois for two and one-half years. He has done considerable special work at Dixon and Hopkins Park and has visited many of the weaker colored churches in the northern part of the state.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION FOR MARCH.

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Alton, *Cherry St. Church.....	\$ 75.00
Atlanta Church	17.00
Aurora First Church	10.00
Aurora, *Marian Ave. Church.....	17.00
Aurora, Park Place Church.....	25.00
Ashly Church	4.00
Alpha Church	4.05
Bulletin Subscriptions	128.91
Belvidere, South Church	1.00
*Big Rock Church	43.40
*Bradford Church	11.00
Bloomington Church	70.00
Belvidere, *First Church	62.00
Chicago, Covenant Church	40.00
Chicago, Galilee Church	4.00

Chicago, Messiah Church	8.00
Chicago, *Windsor Park Church....	18.00
Chicago, Hyde Park Church	200.00
Chicago, Irving Park Church	17.51
Cambridge Church	35.00
*Clyde Church	10.00
Chrisman Church	4.90
Downers Grove Church	5.00
Dundee Church	10.29
Evangelistic Meetings, C. F. Stalker	50.00
Evangelistic Meetings, F. L. Church	155.00
Evangelistic Meetings, F. M. Dunk	69.81
*Edinburg, Ladies' Mission Circle..	5.50
*Griggsville Church	29.00
Graymont Church	29.00
Home Mission Society	268.05
Interest on Funds	1486.61
Joliet, First Church	12.00
Jerseyville Church	46.22
*Kankakee Church	19.00
Kewanee Church	22.65
LaSalle B. Y. P. U.	4.50
Lincoln Church	2.00
Lexington Church	9.75
*Mt. Zion Church, Quincy Assn....	5.00
Marley Church	19.00
Morrison Church	10.00
*Manlius Church	32.00
New Ark Church, Mrs. M. Bagwill..	15.00
Northern Baptist Convention	75.00
Newtown Church	3.50
Oak Park, First Church	75.00
Peoria, First Church	101.25
Pacific Union Church	10.00
*Princeton Church	70.00
Plano Church	7.85
Payments on University Church Building	239.00
Rents, Oklahoma House	17.00
Rents, Andalusia Farm	150.00
Rents, Tonica Parsonage	30.00
Rebate, Interurban54
*Roodhouse Church	35.00
Supply by Superintendent	15.00
South Wilmington B. Y. P. U.....	5.00
Shabbona Church	4.00
Timewell Church	40.00
Whites Grove Church	6.00
Wisetown Church	1.00
Wheaton Church	16.60
York Church	5.00
Total	\$4007.89

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Reports are coming in which indicate considerable interest in reading missionary books. Many circles are taking part in the contest with the hope that when the last report is out on October 1st., their association may be awarded the custody of the Loving Cup. As this is determined by the largest number of readers and books read according to number of women in the association, the smallest association has an equal chance with the largest.

The W. W. G. Girls are also wide-awake and from Macomb comes this report: "Every girl in our Guild has read the five books as required. They are mostly girls in school and have much outside reading in their school work, but they enjoyed them, and many have said, 'I did not know a missionary book could be so interesting, they are as good as some of the popular novels.'"

Have you a circle of the W. W. Girls in your church? If not, they are missing something from their lives, for no movement has enlisted them in mission work as this. The suggestions and methods used please them and are the means of many healthful hours of social enjoyment and information. To quote again from Macomb, "Recently our Guild had a 'tea' at which there were over sixty present. Had a splendid program of music, reading, etc., and a royal good time."

The goal set for Illinois for the year closing March 1st, was 150 circles. They report 172. They have "gone over the top." Elgin reports that 24 women have read 25 books. Who is next?

The Annual Missionary Chautauqua in Winona under the auspices of the International Committee is held this year from June 20-27. A splendid program is being prepared to meet the needs of the young ladies and older ones. Begin now to plan for it.

Items of Interest—The women of the Morgan Scott Association recently held a mid-year missionary meeting in Winchester. The women of Springfield Association also came together for a mid-year meeting. We are glad to hear of these. In some states they are so popular with the women, that the attendance is larger than at the annual association meeting. Put "pep" in and the women won't miss attending them. Miss Nellie Hubbard, foreign secretary for Bloomfield Association, has resigned. She has been a faithful worker for many years. From southern Illinois comes the report of a new circle at Cambria. A new circle is reported also in Edgewood, Rock Island Association. Arcola sends very encouraging reports and are much interested in the reading contest. Thirty women have read two books.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



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Elementary Grade Director.'

I want to urge upon all those who received report blanks for Standard Sunday Schools, and Young People's Societies, to lose no time in returning them properly filled out. This is most important, if the department is to do its work. We were unfortunate in not getting out the blanks on time. The delay was caused by the loss of the package in transit. Express from the east is quite uncertain these days.

Mrs. Hoffman is trying to secure an exhibit from our state, to be sent to the Northern Baptist Convention for the national exhibit of Graded Work of the Elementary Department.

The semi-annual meeting of this department will occur at Pontiac, Thursday, April eleventh, at two o'clock. We hope to have every member present, as important business will come up for consideration. Upon arrival, come at once to the Baptist church. Those who arrive before noon will arrange to have dinner together.

I wish every Sunday School Superintendent in the state would try to secure a club for the Bulletin, among the officers and teachers of his school. This is the only stated means of communication we have to regularly reach our constituency, and this page should be of special interest to all our workers. The same word applies to presidents

and secretaries of our Young People's Societies.

In the near future I will send out a return postal card to the various societies, asking for information in regard to Young People's work in the churches. Please see that these also are returned to me without delay. We want to know the following: name of president, name of secretary, number of members, time of elections, and how many of your young men are in the army or navy service. You will greatly assist the work of this department by attending to this matter as soon as the cards are sent to you.

Last month I spent most of the time in Chicago visiting 16 churches, holding conferences with the workers. In a decision service at the Irving Park Church School, there were thirty-eight who came forward confessing Christ. Pastor Henderson at once organized a Young Disciples' Class, with a view to carrying on the work of bringing as many as possible into the church. It is always desirable to follow this plan before urging church membership. At Waukegan I spoke to a large number from the Naval Training Station, and three of the boys accepted Christ.

Lack of space forbids much I would like to say this month.

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Inter-National B. Y. P. U. A. Convention—Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 4-7. Our work this year has been greatly hampered by conditions caused by the war. Every one feels that we must do everything possible for the Red Cross, and are giving all their spare time to that work. This help is greatly needed, and we are glad to know that many of our young women are giving of their time to help prepare the necessary articles. Some societies have pledged their members to give a specified amount of time each week to Red Cross Work. This service, however, should not cause us to neglect our other duties. It can be rendered, and other things taken care of also. If we should all neglect our church duties, it would mean that in a very short time, we would have no organization. Our organization means working in unity, and we all know that we must have some medium through which we can render "unified service." It counts more. This applies to the work "By and for young people," as well as all church work.

"Reconstruction" of religious activities is being discussed, and some are saying that great changes are coming in church work "after the war." This may be so—only time can tell that, but there is one thing absolutely sure, and

that is that the Gospel message will be just the same, and it will be told by men and women, old and young, who have experienced God's saving grace, and who are anxious that others may know the way. We feel therefore, that the work of our B. Y. P. U. is doubly important, at this present moment, because it is there that the future generation is getting the practice necessary in order to tell the story most efficiently.

We are all endowed with certain "talents," and the Master expects us to develop them. Where in all the list of our activities, as a church, have we the opportunity offered by the B. Y. P. U.?

Arrangements for the trip to Cedar Rapids are in a rather chaotic condition. The Government control of the roads has discouraged the "special train" feature. Rates are also rather uncertain, and no reduction in regular rates will be in effect. A party will be organized to go on a specified regular train—the expense of the trip will be, approximately \$30.00. We hope by next month to have a definite statement of this movement. It is impossible to do so at present. All persons interested, and desiring information, may write the Transportation Leader, John Ruthven, 2319 West 109th St., Chicago, who will keep them advised by mail.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The necessity for charity is more and more pressing every day, and the fulfillment of Scripture is in evidence everywhere, "The poor you have always with you."

A greater demand than ever is made upon us to care for homeless children. Besides our regular calls there have come calls from social workers and Red Cross workers. Last week four families representing from three to seven in a family, knocked at our door; genuine American children and one of said families are the children of a soldier now at the front in France.

The Home is taxed to its capacity and the superintendent is forced to look up temporary private homes for children asking admittance. To meet this demand our financial support is by far too limited. True some of our friends have done and are doing nobly, but there are many churches, Sunday Schools and classes and individuals that have done nothing for the Home this year. Is not this the time to help "Hold the Home Lines."

A special call is made for the raising the debt on the Receiving Cottage; we need seventy thirty dollar pledges, payable inside of a year. Are there not friends enough in the territory of the Home who want a share in this building, that means so much to our little ones? When you read this call please respond by a pledge, without forcing us to go to the expense of going after it.

**THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

The following is from the pen of our very efficient field secretary, Mrs. A. W. Runyan.

Some of our churches have been very good this year in sending in contributions for the running expenses of the Home and some already have it in their budgets—but the many have so far failed in including the Old People's Home in their benevolence that it becomes necessary again this year for our Board of Managers to join the list of those who seek to add to their income by participating in Chicago Tag Day for the aged.

We are hoping that the recommendation in connection with the report of the Committee on Philanthropy adopted by our last State Convention, will become effective this year and the Old People's Home be placed on the budget apportionments and thus all our churches feel that the support of our Baptist Home for the Aged is a part of their work to be contributed to through the regular channels. In the meantime if you have done nothing for the Home the past year, send in a contribution now. Watch for the unfolding of a very pleasant secret in the next issue of this paper which we hope will act as an encouragement, an inspiration and an incentive to attain larger service through our Home.

Many townships in Illinois voted "Dry" April 2nd. The saloon business will be as impossible in America in a decade or two as slavery is now.

The Illinois Board of Baptist Beneficence

How does that name sound in your ears? The committee of seven, representing the missionary societies who co-operate in the single collecting agency under the direction of the Illinois Baptist State Convention have adopted this name for the agency, which begins business with the first of April, and which is now the appointed place to which all funds on the apportionment from Illinois are to be sent hereafter. Remember the following points:

1. *The Office,*
At 19 South LaSalle St., Chicago,
Rooms 1317, 1318.
2. *The Secretary,*
Augustine S. Carman.
3. *The Objects of Contribution,*
The Illinois Baptist State Convention.
The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.
The Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.
The American Baptist Home Mission Society.
The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The American Baptist Publication Society.

The Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Board.

The Education Board of the Northern Baptist Convention.
Education for Illinois.

4. *The Method of the Office.*

The office will remit monthly the full amount contributed to each object to the treasurer of the society. Where a lump sum is sent to this office it will be divided according to the ratio agreed upon between the societies, but the churches may always designate the funds as they wish.

5. *The Method of the Churches.*

Since church treasurers may now remit in a single letter and by a single check for all of the nine objects, it is desirable that they remit monthly wherever possible, and at least quarterly, thus saving the paying out of missionary money for interest.

Let us unify and magnify and glorify our giving.

Augustine S. Carman,
Secretary.

PERSONALS

Evangelist George Yule and wife of Chicago, held a meeting at the Baptist church in Logan, West Virginia. They had quite a successful meeting and Brother Yule was delighted with the West Virginia Baptists.

Dr. Zane Batten, who is a member of our War Mission of the Northern Baptist Convention, states that on March first, there were about six hun-

dred chaplains in the United States Army and that ninety-eight of them are Baptists.

A member of the congregation of the Centralia Baptist church gave \$800, and the church added \$200, making in all \$1000, which was given for the improvement, now in progress, at the Huddleson Baptist Orphanage. These entire amounts were completed March 10.

MATTOON, ILLINOIS

The Grant Park Baptist Sunday School of Mattoon, was eleven months old on Sunday, March 3rd, and they held their first meeting in the new chapel building. This is in the section where the cyclone destroyed the homes of the people last spring. It was a day long to be remembered in that community where eleven months ago no kind of religious work was being done. There

were 159 present in the Sunday School, and in the service following the carpenter who erected the building took a definite stand for the Christian life. One man and one woman also united with the church. The Trites family were present and furnished music for the occasion while the pastor, Rev. J. M. Lively, spoke from the text, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

The chapel building is not fully completed as yet, but will be dedicated the latter part of April.

The Trites family are assisting the pastor in special meetings at the Central church. The crowds fill the building at most every service. Many have expressed a desire for better living, and some have taken a definite stand for the Christian life.

If the Baptists in Illinois are perplexed over the question of Church Union and open membership, we suggest that they send five cents to Rev. E. Y. Mullins, D.D., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and ask for reprints of chapters fourteen and fifteen of "Axioms of Religion." Dr. Mullins is reported to have treated this subject with a master hand.

Colonel Silas Illsley of Vermont, died January 7, 1918. In his will he left fifty thousand dollars for the Vermont State Convention, and three thousand as a personal donation to Rev. W. A. Davison, D.D., superintendent of State Missions in Vermont. Why should not some well-to-do Baptists in Illinois remember the State Convention liberally?

The Euclid Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, where John D. Rockefeller Sr., has his membership, seats only about one thousand people. Frequently on Sunday night, by count, they have thirteen hundred or fourteen hundred people. Three hundred or four hundred people have to stand during the Sunday evening services. That was so last May when the editor of the Bulletin worshiped there. It seems strange that Mr. Rockefeller's home church should be too old and too small.

Rev. S. H. Gibson of Bloomington, was appointed State Convention Missionary in connection with the colored State Convention and began work January first. While he touches the sections all over the state, his work will be very much in the central and southern part of the state. He will visit the fields as far south as Cairo, where the Colored State Convention will be held next summer.

Missionary Gibson is doing much toward stirring up the colored churches in missionary interest and is trying to organize their churches for more efficient service in missionary giving and missionary work.



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